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## AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

### NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN POLITICAL SITUATION

### TAFT GAINING FAVOR WITH NEGROES

**By His Opposition to the Strauss Amendment—Liberian Commission Report Finished—The Howard University Fight Over.**

Thompson's National News Bureau.

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 13.—The political situation offers no new developments at the national capital these days. The President is away and there is nothing to bring delegations or individual candidates here. Congress will not meet for some time, and there is nothing to call the lobby together to influence legislation. A visit to the States, which your correspondent paid a short time ago, shows that those who sit in the seat of the anxious have their lightning rods as high in the air as ever, and are waiting with more or less patience for an illuminating flash from the White House. With the strongest of field glasses they are sweeping the horizon Washingtonwards, as Daniel is said to have looked toward Jerusalem in ye biblical story. Aspirants from Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Tennessee and Missouri are particularly insistent that something happen at once, and Maryland, West Virginia, Florida, New York, and even Pennsylvania, are getting their voices attuned to the note of clamor for a share of the loaves and fishes of last November's triumph. The argument is heard upon all sides that while President Taft owes much to the leaders of the Rooseveltian period, this is essentially a "Taft administration," and the people who made Taft's calling and election sure should have a big say-so in the distribution of the "pie." Just where the dividing line is located in the mind of the clamorants the deponent hath not been able to find out.

In the meantime, however, the chief executive is taking items among the good people of California, preaching lay sermons to the assembled multitudes and smiling beamingly upon all comers. He has his ear close to the ground, no doubt, but as yet is giving no hint as to when or upon whom the official favors will be bestowed. For the present it is the consensus of opinion among the shrewdest of colored leaders that it would not be wise to obtrude the question of patronage upon the President at this time, since he has shown no disposition to make any changes in the Negroes occupying the larger berths and there is a constant stream of promotions going on among those within the civil service jurisdiction. It is being borne in mind that there are many weighty problems confronting Mr. Taft, and until the underbrush is cleared away the matter of office must remain in abeyance whether the anxious one be white or black.

Unquestionably the President has strengthened himself with the colored people everywhere by his outspoken utterance in opposition to the Straus amendment, which is designed by its promoters to disfranchise the bulk of the Negroes in Maryland. A big batch of letters has been sent to the President by prominent Negroes in this city, congratulating him upon his firm and unequivocal stand on the subject. That the President has been gratified over this evidence of interest and appreciation there can be no doubt. In a letter to Auditor Ralph W. Tyler, last week, responding to a note of thanks, Mr. Taft repeated his hope that the amendment would be defeated, that it was an outrageous thing, and that he wrote his letter to the publishers of the Washington Times with the purpose of defeating it, if possible. Placing the issue of constitutional rights high above personal reward, the thoughtful Negro leaders are pushing measures rather than men, and are possessing their souls in patience until the time seems ripe for the presentation of other claims.

The impression gathers that President Taft, whose judicial temperament is proverbial, purposes to go slow in the matter of appointments, changes, etc., of Negroes. He is said to realize that it is going to be impossible to please everybody, and he wishes to pursue the course that will give the greatest satisfaction to the greatest number, while preserving the principle of a "square deal" to all concerned. How to reconcile the natural desire of the "ins" to stay in, and the natural ambition of the "outs" to get in, is recognized to be a task of herculean proportions, and it is not surprising that the President hesitates to tackle it until he has the situation well in hand. The closest friends of the administration, and the backers of many candidates, agree that there is no political advantage in taking one satisfactory Negro out of a job merely to put another in, who may not be an improvement either in point of personal worth, efficiency, popularity or in the ability to render certain necessary party service at the psychological moment. It is likely that Mr. Taft will go into the merits of the individuals in his own way, yet will be largely influenced by the recommendations of the Senators, Representatives and party leaders of both races in control of affairs in the various States. Rumor has it that assurances have been given that liberal recognition will be accorded the Negro in due season, and there is a disposition on the part of the aspirants to await the pleasure of the President with an abiding faith that all will be well in the end. It is safe to predict that before President Taft puts anybody in or takes anybody out, the "acid test" will be applied with such care and precision that no mistake is likely to be made.

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The work of the Liberian Commission is over. The report, covering many pages of typewritten manuscript, has been fully agreed upon, and bears the signatures of the three Commissioners—Roland P. Faulkner, Emmett J. Scott and Dr. Geo. Sale. Although the document that finds its way to the President and the Secretary of State is the unanimous voice of the trio, in its final aspect, it is the outcome of countless diplomatic discussions, frank exchanges of diverse opinions and friendly compromise. In these intellectual sparring matches, in which history, tradition, political economy, sociology and ethnology in turn had a part, there was nothing suggestive of racial differences among the Commissioners, every problem being adjusted on its intrinsic merits. Throughout the long and intensely interesting session, which really began when the cruiser Chester cleared the dock at New York on the outward journey, Mr. Scott—the only Negro in the party—was treated with the utmost courtesy by everybody, and held his own in every duty, public speech, closeted debate, or presentation of fact touching the work of the Commission. As a diplomat he is a surprise to the "old stagers," who at the time of the assignment feared that he was lacking in experience and that the job was too big a task for him to handle successfully. Mr. Scott proved equal to every emergency and comes out covered with laurels and the recipient of the applause of a race and nation most capably served. If the Commission's recommendations are acted upon by this government, there is no doubt that Liberia will take on a new existence and the little republic across the sea will have reason to remember with gratitude the labors of Mr. Scott in its behalf and to thank Messrs. Faulkner and Sale for so heartily agreeing with him. It is possible that Mr. Scott will be invested at an early date with the insignia of the Order of African Redemption.

R. W. THOMPSON.

### BOWLING GREEN, KY.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Rev. S. Reid, D. D., pastor of Taylor Chapel A. M. E. Church, closed his work Monday night. It can truthfully be said that this has been the smoothest year for Taylor Chapel in many years. He is a judicious leader, an easy pastor, but full of energy, and a man who draws others to him. Bowling Green needs to have such a leader in its midst, and to this end many are praying and hoping for his return to us. The financial interest has not suffered either, and, considering the stringency of the times, the success has been quite near high-water mark, and the spiritual element is on the increase. Many of the associate pastors were present at a platform meeting last Sunday afternoon, and spoke in high terms of Dr. Reid's worth. Rev. R. L. Hyde, Dr. McLurkin, Rev. Carpenter and others took part in this meeting. Dr. Reid responded eloquently....The spiritual department of the Epworth League of College Street M. E. Church, under the direction of Mrs. Lustella Coleman, wife of Prof. Coleman, is growing in interest and power. Mrs. Coleman is a wise leader and a spirit-filled woman....Miss Maggie Warfield has returned home after an extended visit in Louisville and vicinity....The Bowling Green Academy is in a prosperous condition, having as many students now as it had this time last year. The indication is that the school will have a larger enrollment for the year than last year....The A. M. E. conference is in session at Mayfield, Ky., and the C. M. E. conference is in session at Mt. Sterling, Ky. Revs. S. Reid and J. W. Crooks are in attendance respectively at each of these gatherings. ....Mr. Kuykendall, our undertaker, is on the mend, after a siege of a severe attack of stomach trouble. Dr. Porter was the attending physician....Quarterly meeting at the College Street M. E. Church, Sunday, October 24. Rev. R. L. Hyde will preach at 3 p. m....Leave news for THE FREEMAN or orders for the same at the M. E. parsonage, 409 Sixth street.

### IRONTON, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN:

Rev. O. O. Jones will preach his farewell sermon to the people of Tried Stone Baptist Church, Sunday, October 31....The members of Quinn Chapel A. M. E. Church gave a reception in honor of the new pastor, Rev. Irvin. There was a good crowd present. Delicious refreshments were served after the reception....Mr. Esau Davis, who resides in Depot Square, is on the sick list....Mrs. Haden, who resides in South Ninth street, has returned home from a pleasant visit in Indiana, Covington and Cincinnati....Mr. L. I. Moore, who resides in South Ninth street, has retired from the barbering business on account of his health. Mr. Moore has followed the barber trade for fifty years. He is now in the junk business....Miss Anges Reynolds, a trained nurse of this city, has returned home from Kimball, W. Va.... Miss Lila Estes left Monday for Wilberforce University, where she will begin her college work....Mr. Fred Woodfin left last Sunday for Howard University, where he will continue his course in medicine. This is his junior year....Mrs. Andrew Washington, who resides in South Ninth street, left Tuesday for a ten days' trip to Cleveland, Ohio....Miss Rose Allen, who resides in South Eighth street, entertained quite a number of young folks at a "taffy pulling" Wednesday night....THE FREEMAN may be obtained each week from Cecil Exum at 175 Depot Square.

### DALLAS, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Dr. G. I. Jackson, pastor of Evening Chapel C. M. E. Church, takes a stand against the many social evils of the race. ....Mrs. Mary Dixon spent a short time in Mineral Wells....The chief of police has issued orders stopping the washerwoman's gig at policy playing here.... Mr. and Mrs. Jodd'a Hutcherson reside at 319 Germania street....Mr. Lewis Fulbright, of Garland, visited his family here last week and to see his son who was accidentally shot, but is much improved now....The remains of Miss Florence Canill, who was shot by Mrs. Sarrah Williams, was buried in the family lot in Ft. Worth. Mrs. Williams gave a $750 bond for her appearance before the grand jury, which is in session....Mr. W. E. Carter's mother, of Meridian, Miss., is visiting him and her brother, Hon W. E. King, who is ill....See J. G. Griffin, 190 Main street, with the cash for this paper.

### GREENVILLE, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

New Hope Baptist Church is again in operation, under the leadership of Rev. P. R. Washington....Editor Cardwell, of the Houston Star, stopped off in our city while en route to Pittsburg, Tex., to the M. E. convention....Mrs. Jessie Holloway has returned to Dallas....Bill Johnson, of Long View, is visiting in our city.... Howard Jackson has again opened his pressing parlor....Oliver Lee is in the city from Dallas....Mrs. Asarie Johnson was in Denison last week....Rev. W. J. King was at his charge Sunday, and delivered an able sermon, as usual.

HARRY R. BYRON
FIDDLER and SHELTON,

Two Indianapolis boys will play the Grand Theater, Indianapolis, beginning Monday of next week, for a week's stay. They are en route to New York, playing three weeks in the Percy Williams Theater, then to Chicago for two weeks. They will then go West to 'Frisco for four weeks, in the meantime playing the Great Orpheum Circuit. While in Indianapolis they will make the Sumner League Club their headquarters, and will be pleased to see all old friends and acquaintances.

## UNION LEAGUE BANQUETS

**Matt Henson, Who Accompanied Peary to North Pole.**

Matt Henson, Commander Peary's faithful Negro Achates for eighteen years and who stood with him at the North Pole, was honored Tuesday night of last week by being made one of the guests at a dinner in the Union League Club, in Fifth avenue, to which were invited the officers and the scientific staff of the Roosevelt.

The hosts of the occasion were prominent scientists and those who are interested in the Polar exploration, and they included Professor Henry Fairfield Osborn, president, and Hermon C. Bumpus, the director of the American Museum of Natural History, and several professors of Columbia University. Among the guests were Captain Bartlett, Professor McMillan, Dr. Goodsell, George Borup and the engineer of the Roosevelt.

Commander Peary was not present, as he is now in Maine, and it is his intention to accept no public honors and no invitations of any kind until he is satisfied that the so-called Cook-Peary controversy has come to a close.

On account of this position of the leader of the expedition with regard to publicity it was announced that the affair of last night was private and that it was intended rather as a reunion of the company of the Roosevelt with their old friends in this city and an occasion of leave taking before they were scattered to all parts of the country. The dinner was served in private rooms.

CAPTAIN BARTLETT THERE.

First to arrive was Captain Robert Bartlett, the master of the Roosevelt, and close behind him with a group of the companions of the voyage was the redoubtable Henson. Henson comes originally from the Danish West Indies, which accounts for his name, and he was in Washington when he entered the service of Mr. Peary. His face is intensely black, his features even and regular. His manners are courtly and he speaks excellent English. On account of his intelligence and loyalty he has always been high in the regard of Commander Peary, and the announcement is made that he and the Eskimos stood with the Arctic explorer when the final observations were made which showed that the pole had been attained.

This was an honor which, owing to the way the party was arranged for the final dash, was responsible for the statement that the Commander himself was the only white man who stood at the goal which the ages had coveted.

The dinner was entirely informal and none of the party wore evening dress. Captain Bartlett was in his best shore suit. George Borup in a plain business suit, with waistcoat of corduroy. Henson, who attracted much notice from the attendants, none of whom was of his race, was attired in a neat suit of black.

There were present members of the American Museum of Natural History and of the New York Academy of Sciences, not in any official capacity, but merely as old friends and acquaintances of the men who had come from the Ultima Thule.

All the party were asked to tell of their experience, and the story of Henson was one of the most interesting of all the narratives. Mr. Borup related some of his experiences in hunting.

The officers and crew of the Roosevelt are in receipt of medals from the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Committee, and that of Captain Bartlett, of which he told the other guests, is of gold.

ANOTHER FEAST FOR HENSON.

Among the scientists and explorers present was Professor Edmund Otis Hovey, whose investigations of Mount Pelee are well known.

Henson said recently that he had received an invitation from a committee of members of his race to attend a dinner in his honor, but that he had asked them not to set the date until they heard from him next week.

Charles W. Anderson, a collector of internal revenue, who is at the head of the dinner committee, said yesterday that "Mr. Henson was a conscientious man and that he did not wish in any way to figure in any celebration which might be given in advance of any which Commander Peary might have."

Mr. Anderson said he had understood that Henson had written to Commander Peary on the subject and had explained that those of his race desired to give him a public testimonial, as he did not wish to do anything which would be displeasing to the head of the expedition.

The banquet at which Henson is to be the principal guest if he accepts, probably will be the largest ever given in this city by Negroes, and connected with it will be the presentation of a gold watch and chain. Booker T. Washington has been invited and the tentative list of speakers includes the Rev. W. H. Marks, pastor of St. Mark's Methodist Episcopal Church; the Rev. A. Clayton Powell, Ralph W. Tyler, auditor for the treasurer of the navy, and James A. Cobb, assistant United States district attorney at Washington.

### MERIDIAN, MISS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. G. Carter left October 9 for Dallas, Tex., to see her brother, Editor W. E. King, of the Dallas Express, who is quite sick....Mrs. Hettie Ward died October 3. Her funeral on the 4th at New Hope Baptist Church, of which she was a member, was largely attended. Rev. L. S. Lee, the pastor, officiated. She was buried at the Masonic Cemetery under the auspices of the Christian Aid Society. ....Rev. J. B. Branon, of El Bethel Baptist Church, has been carrying on a revival, which closed October 10 with baptizing. Rev. A. L. Perkins, of Hattiesburg, Miss., has been preaching some able sermons....Miss Ella Smith, daughter of Mr. Allan Smith, the musician, died October 2. Her funeral was attended at New Hope Baptist Church Sunday, October 3, at 3 p. m. Rev. L. S. Lee, the pastor, officiated. Burial at the Masonic Cemetery. She was about seventeen years old....Mr. A. P. Smith, formerly of this city, but now of Mobile, Ala., who has been visiting here for several days, has returned to Mobile....Mr. Scranton Smith has been a little sick the past week....Mr. James, formerly of this city, but now of Washington, has been visiting our city the past week.

### JACKSONVILLE, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The regular monthly meeting of the C. W. B. M. met October 6 at the Second Christian Church, on Anna street, with a good attendance. The program was as follows: Opening hymn; opening prayer, John Taylor; hymn; recitation, Miss Nellie Early; hymn; circle prayer; Bible lesson, Mrs. Jennie Abbington; recitation, George Miller; hymn; reading, Mrs. Henry Davis; hymn; closing prayer, Rev. E. M. Harlis....Rev. E. M. Harlis was royally entertained October 10 at the residence of Mr. Will Osborne, on Grove street....Jesse Ritchie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ritchie, died recently at his home on Hockenhull street, after a short illness. Rev. Goff conducted the services. Interment was in East Cemetery....Miss Lillie Moore was somewhat indisposed this week....Vivian Reed is doing some fine school work....Miss Jennie Austin left recently for Kansas City....Mrs. Joseph Wheeler was a Springfield visitor recently....Mrs. Zora Stewart, of East Washington street, does not seem to improve much....Mr. Henry Smith, who was shot recently, is getting along nicely. ....The Sewing Circle of the Second Baptist Church is doing some fine work. The dinner which was held October 7 was quite a success....Dorothy Lynch died recently at the home of Mrs. George Wyatt. The funeral was held there. Rev. Mason conducted the services. Interment was in East Cemetery....The educational program given on September 28 at the Mt. Emery Baptist Church was largely attended and a good success....The supper given Thursday night, October 7, at the Second Christian Church was largely attended....Mrs. Jerome Rollins, who has been seriously ill, is able to be about.... Rev. Christy returned to Jacksonville for another year. He has been in Mound City. He is pastor of the Bethel A. M. E. Church, and the people of this city are glad to welcome him back. They are also glad that Rev. J. W. Kirk has been reinstated at Pittsfield Mission, Pittsfield. Bishop C. T. Schaffer presided at the conference.

### SEKITAN, O.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Clinton Gaines ras returned to his position as janitor at the court house in the city....J. W. Gaines has retired from his position in the city and will give his entire attention to his busines at home....Mrs. Edna Gaines, formerly of this place, has accepted a position in Indianapolis, Ind.... A number of members and friends gathered at the residence of Rev. S. D. Saunders Saturday evening at Home City, and on departing left a number of well-filled baskets. A pleasant time was enjoyed.... William Fineran, Republican, and James [illegible], Democrat, are the present contestants for the mayorship of the village.... Mrs. Julia Webb, of Fernbank, has returned home after a pleasant visit of seven weeks among relatives at Indianapolis, Ind....The restaurant recently opened by S. H. Pillow is doing a nice business. Always clean and inviting and the best of order is preserved. Miss Aida Elliston has charge....The revival meeting at the Baptist Chruch has closed for the present. The baptizing will take place the third Sunday of this month at 2:30.... Mrs. James Robinson is spending a three weeks' visit among relatives and friends in Covington, Ky....Mrs. William Williams was taken suddenly ill Sunday evening from eating walnuts, but is reported some better at the present writing.... Joseph Ray sustained a broken leg at the pipe factory Wednesday morning, but is resting nicely. D. P. Hopkins, president of the plant, appointed his brother, Scottie Ray, for nurse....Born, to Mr. and Mrs. James Bess, Sunday evening, of Hopkinsville, a fine girl....J. M. Dillar, defeated at the nomination for his second term as mayor, has announced his candidacy for the position on the Independent ticket.... Rehearsals for the performance to be given at the town hall, Oct. 26, are meeting with much success....Rev. M. M. Thompson, of Maysville, Ky., preached an interesting and spiritual sermon at the First Baptist Church Sunday evening....Mrs. M. J. Bannon, amid other able divines, held a soul-stirring meeting Sunday evening on the corner of Center and Cincinnati avenues....Rev. J. H. Brooks, pastor of the C. M. E. Church, preached his farewell sermon Sunday evening....Miss Mary Turner, colored, and Mr. Newton Collins, white, were united in marriage Monday evening at the residence of Mrs. America Turner. Rev. J. H. Brooks officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Collins have taken up their residence on Center street.

### YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Byas left Saturday for a four weeks' visit in Covington and Charleston, Va....Wm. Ridout has remodeled and refurnished his hotel and cafe, 483 West Federal street....Miss Etha Newman, who has been suffering with her eyes for the past three weeks, is better....Mr. and Mrs. Vergel Stewart have moved to 333 East Boardman street, from Cleveland.... The following members of Buckeye Lodge of Elks formed a party and attended the ball game in Pittsburg, Friday: Archie Thomas, J. H. Robson, Will Allen, George Stanup, J. H. Stewart, Dud Collins, Dave Fife, John Clark, George Johnson, Frank Hall, Harris Martin, G. E. Woodworth, J. W. Haynes, and after the game they were the guests of the Iron City and North Side Lodges and report having a fine time.... Mr. Mathewson, of Jamestown, N. Y., spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Berry....Mrs. Richard Wickfield, of Jamestown, N. Y., was the guest of her mother and relatives for about ten days. ....Mrs. James Saunders and sons spent two weeks in Bridgeport, O....Paul, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams, and Mrs. A. H. Berry are on the sick list.... The entertainment given Wednesday evening by the Progressives was well attended and a success....Logan Lodge, K. of P., met Wednesday evening. The meeting was well attended and was of an interesting nature. A number of resolutions were passed and a vote of thanks was extended to the committee on arrangements for the Emancipation exercises of the last regular meeting. J. H. Lonesom and Dr. C. A. Pettiford made addresses on matters pertaining to local work....Mrs. Warnick dislocated her arm, but is doing nicely at this writing....Mrs. Wilson is on the sick list....William Saunders will conduct skating at Avon Park, Monday evening, October 18. All invited....Mrs. Will Hall spent last week in Alliance....Mrs. E. W. Norris entertained a number of friends Monday evening in honor of her thirty-sixth birthday anniversary.

### NEGRO INVENTOR WOUNDED BY AN ASSASSIN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

VINCENNES, Ind., Oct. 12.—While approaching the home of Mrs. Alice Bennett last night, at a late hour, Joseph Ross, aged forty, colored, was shot in the temple, the bullet lodging in his brain. He is reported to be dying. Mrs. Bennett, who is a white woman, has been his financial backer for several years. He is an inventor and manager, and president of the Vincennes Hay Press and Husker Company.

## YOUNG LOUISVILLE POET

### E. SMITH JONES GIVING SERIES OF READINGS

### TO EDUCATE HIMSELF AND SISTER

**Rev. L. H. Brown Tendered Farewell Reception—Carey B. Lewis Attended Conference at Frankfort—Society Quiet.**

BY CARY B. LEWIS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Mr. E. Smith Jones, Louisville's aspiring young poet, has just returned from a most successful tour in Ohio and Kentucky. He will give a series of poetical readings, assisted by the best local talent.

He is giving the readings as a school fund beenfit for himself and sister, whom he is helping to educate. The Poet attended the National Baptist Convention at Columbus, the North Ohio Conference at Cleveland and the Kentucky Conference at Frankfort, and was unanimously endorsed as the coming poet of the race.

An "Ode to Ethiopia," his latest and best poem, has received favorable comments from such eminent critics as Hon. Charles W. Chestnutt, President W. S. Scarborough, of Wilberforce, Rev. Sutton E. Griggs, Rev. E. C. Morris, Bishops W. B. Derricks, H. M. Turner and C. T. Shaffer, Mr. Roscoe C. Simmons, Prof. E. A. Clark, of Wilberforce; President John H. Jackson, of Kentucky State Normal, and others too numerous to mention.

The "Ode" is an historical romance in which the principal events and the Negroes who have so eminently played their parts in the annals of history are recorded. In his "Ode" the poet places himself on record as a champion of human rights. He sings of the valiant deeds, fond

E. SMITH JONES.

hopes and possibilities of the race. All should be proud of and encourage him in singing such inspiring songs.

"An Ode to Ethiopia, Dedicated to the Aspiring Negro Young of America," is full of hope and inspiration for young and old alike. To illustrate we quote the following stanzas:

In Defence VII.

"But in this age is writ another story,
The pen of arrogant, vain Caucasian sage,
Has the full robbed of thy immortal glory,
And smeared thy name on history's sacred page!
Forsooth, the Book once closed for many age,
Is opened by thy sons—though fraught with pain—
The curtain's drawn: they rise upon the stage;
And their valient deeds and blood shall wash the stain
As clean as April showers was the duty plain.

VIII.

"I sing now of thy heroes of today,
Thy sturdy warriors and thy gallant knights,
Who charge into the thickest of the fray,
And die for country and their free-born rights—
For orphans, widows and their little mites.
Thus Attucks brave, without a moment's pause
(While reeled the nation in her darkest plights)
Full bared his breast in Freedom's holy cause:
First fell and tore the code of Tyranny's cruel laws!

In Inspiration XII.

"Thy sons have triumphed in the halls of State;
The dauntless Douglass with his fiery mein,
His lightning eye and tongue of thunder great,
Full heads the list of thy illustrious train.
Next Bruce and Revels following up amain:
John Lynch and Small emit a brilliant light,
And Langston, Pinchback, Cheatham all remain,
With Dancy, Vernon, Anderson and White,
Laing Williams, Lyons, Terrell stand for civic right.

In Prophetic Hope XIX.

"I see the prophet's mandate to the land
In letters gold emblazoned in the sky:
'Fair Ethiopia shall stretch her hand,
Her sons shall sway the earth long ere they die!'

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# SHORT FLIGHTS.

BY R. W. THOMPSON

### "What Do You Know About This?"

Oh, how shall anyone acquire
 Opinions safe and sane,
When friends too generous admire
 And foes too fierce complain.
Whene'er a man starts in to make
 A record in the state
One side declares he is a "fake,"
 The other says he's great.

The one who gets somewhere worth while
 Must simply keep his stride,
Nor let the sneer, nor yet the smile,
 Tempt him to turn aside.
No matter what his aim may be,
 He goes his chosen way,
While Envy harshly shouts "N. G.!"
 And Flattery cries "O. K.!"
 —Washington Star.

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Emmett J. Scott is a "Frog."

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"Bishop Hurst" has an euphonious ring.

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It is dangerous to lend money to a friend.

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Yes, fellow-struggler, select your stride and keep it up!

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There is no longer any place where the lazy man can abide in comfort.

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Nothing so clearly shows up a small man as the sudden acquisition of a big job.

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The Negro is in this countr yto stay. We shall not be deported, exterminated nor fully assimilated.

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The Nashville Globe intimates that the proverbial Negro was in the snow-pile, instead of the usual wood-pile.

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If the civil service rules iare to govern why should not the well-equipped Negro make another trial for cadetship at West Point?

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North Pole Finder Matt Henson may be a West Indian, but he is none the less a Negro. The press fiends may rob him of his American lineage, but they cannot rob him of his color.

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In placing a premium on personal adaptability, intellectual grasp and an adequate foundation for the study of law at Howard University, President W. P. Thirkield has taken the step that will raise the standard of the legal profession and make the diploma of this great school worth more than ever to those fortunate enough to receive it. The study of law is not a plaything, and it should not be cheapened to open the way for individuals who have neither the mental capacity nor the personal fitness to make a creditable showing at the bar of any community.

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The Negro's big opportunity is in the trades. A survey of the advertising columns of the papers of both races will show that a hundred men are wanted as printers, bricklayers, plasterers, painters, blacksmiths, tailors, etc., to one opening for a clerical or any of the so-called "learned" professions, desirable as it may be to possess the equipment for the latter kind of work. "It is a condition, not a theory, that confronts us," as Grover Cleveland once said, and it is up to us to meet the demand that is, rather than sit down in discontented idleness because the demand is not what we would have it to be.

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The meteoric success of the Louisville session of the National Negro Business League was a big feather in the cap of National Organizer Charles H. Moore. This genial and energetic leader traveled the country over, working and speaking night and day, and brought the people of every class to understand the purpose of the League and to realize the importance of giving it their hearty co-operation. "The people heard him gladly," and that they hearkened unto his dulcet and convincing voice was evidenced by the record-breaking turn-out at Louisville and the record-breaking total of hard cash which they paid into the treasury of the organization. The size and enthusiasm of the commercial legion that journeyed to Louisville last month was a personal triumph for Charles H. Moore. In the parlance du pave, he was "jes' tickled to death" over it.

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Nineteen hundred and twelve is some distance off for brethren of the A. M. E. Zion church to get out their pencils to do some figuring on what is going to happen at the general conference of that year. Rev. E. M. Argyle trots out Dr. S. L. Corrothers, R. S. Rives, W. H. Coffey, Geo. C. Clement, J. S. Jackson, etc., as suitable Bishopric material; Rev. E. D. W. Jones, of Harrisburg, Pa., for editor of the Star of Zion, and Rev. W. L. Lee, of Pittsburg, for Missionary Secretary. So well and good—but Brother Argyle must not leave our great and good friend, Dr. W. H. Chambers, now of North Carolina, out of the reckoning, nor will it do to overlook that western cyclone, Dr. J. B. Colbert, when the figuring on the Zion Bishopric is under discussion.

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Mrs. Mary E. Washington, who makes her home in southern Indiana's most picturesque little city, New Albany, is one of the most useful, active, influential and interesting women the race has produced. As a speaker, writer and organizer she has earned a national reputation, and for versatility of accomplishment we doubt if she has an equal in the country. Intensely domestic in her tastes—presiding gracefully over a lovely establishment and dispensing a liberal hospitality—she is an indefatigable worker in public affairs, and has covered nearly every State in the Union in the interest of the numerous organizations with which she is officially connected. Among other things, she is the Right Worthy National Grand Secretary of the Good Samaritans, also State Grand Secretary for Kentucky of the same order; State Grand Lecturer of the Court of Calanthe, and Most Noble Governess of the Household of Ruth for the State of Indiana; Patriotic Instructor for the Woman's Relief Corps, G. A. R., for southern Indiana, and vice-president of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the A. M. E. Zion Church. She presided with great dignity and impressiveness over the recent convention of the last-named body in the city of New York.

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William M. Alexander, of Little Rock, Ark., National Grand Master of the Mosaic Templars, one of the very soundest orders of Negroes in America, correctly places the secret society at the head of the constructive forces of the race, pointing out that they confer large financial benefits upon the sick and helpless, supply liberal endowments that protect the widow and educate the orphan, and furnish the funds that support most of the banks operated by the race. Mr. Alexander has no sympathy with the colored men who insist upon appropriating the lodge names upon which the whites have a prior claim, arguing that Negro history is rich in names that might be used by us to better advantage than those for which we are making a hopeless contention. And, says he, if natural history is drawn upon by the whites, and they hold a mortgage on the Elks, Mooses, Eagles and Red Men, we have the Bible to fall back upon, giving us a stock of nomenclature that is absolutely inexhaustible. The "Mosaic Templars," founded upon the leadership of the greatest of leaders—Moses—is a sample of what the Negro can do in fields unexplored by any other race. This is our exclusive property. No white man can take it from us or share it with us. We can stand upon our own feet, and are perfectly willing to let the white man stand upon his and enjoy undisturbed the orders that he says he owns "in fee simple." Mr. Alexander's speech on secret orders and their benefits to the Negro was one of the hits of the recent session of the National Negro Business League at Louisville.

# ABOUT NEGRO DOMINATION

## Causes Much Discussion in the Political Arena at Louisville.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 5, 1909—The "Negro Domination" question, a nightmare and bugbear of the Democratic party, is being used in this campaign with telling effect. In two of the local papers, they make much ado because 225 Negroes have been given work. They almost go into frantics by saying that the Negro is going to dominate Louisvillel. There are six white men to ne Negro with the Anglo Saxon in the Gubernational and Mayorality chairs with the State malitia, and then they claim that there is going to be Negro domination.

The scarecrow is working pretty well with a certain class of whites by arraying bitter sentiment against the innocent black man. The high clas white peop lesee the inconsistency of the argument and are paying no attention at the glittering and glaring stories told daily about the Negro, to ease them into municipal power.

Senator W. O. Bradley, however, came to the Negro's rescue the other night at one of the biggest political meetings ever held in this city. After discussing at length the platform of the Republican party and poking fun at Mr. Head on the domination question, he said:

SHOULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO ATTAIN SOCIAL EQUALITY.

"No race laboring under all these disabilities and disadvantages should be expected to maintain social equality with those who have for so many years drank at the fountain of freedom and basked in the sunshine of liberty and opportunity. The Negro only asks equality before the law, and this he is entitled to under the organic laws of the land. He only asks to be given an opportunity to improve his moral and educational status. He only asks the right to labor and earn a livelihood. He only asks that his white brother, who has had so many superior opportunities and advantages, shall do nothing to sink him lower in the scale of morality and intelligence.

"The white man who would seize, for political purposes, upon a race prejudice in order to elevate himself to power, and at the same time hinder and crush an unfortunate struggling man, is despicable and too contemptible to be entitled to the decent respect, not only of any proper thinking white man, but of any proper thinking Negro as well.

SHOULD BE GIVEN WORK.

"You are told that the city government has given employment to Negroes. Is there any man who would say that the Negro who desires to work should not have employment? If he is not employed and commits the crimes which idleness always produces, then they are ready to cry, 'away with him! away with him! send him to the penitentiary where he belongs,' and yet when he is given an opportunity to earn a livelihood they raise a partisan cry for the purpose of exciting the white man against him. If there is any man, white or black, in this city who cannot get employment, I do not know who he is. Under the wise and economical administration of the present city government there is employment for all who desire to work.

"The Negro is a citizen of this country; he was made such by law. His future, while it depends largely upon the manner in which he conducts himself, depends even more largely upon the white race. Shall we help him to become a valuable citizen? Shall we help him to practice industry and economy, or shall we trample him under our feet? Labor and education are the crutches by which he sustains himself, and any white man who would kick either crutch from under him is a coward and unworthy the name of man.

"In this campaign they have even attempted to rob the Negro of his superior love for watermelons and chicken. Mr. Head now claiming to be the champion as to both.

EVERY DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLE HAS BEEN REPUDIATED.

"They profess alarm, too, because a Negro has married a white woman in Cincinnati, and yet they know that under the laws of Kentucky such a marriage is a crime and would no tbe allowed. The truth is, there is nothing upon which they can stand or rally except the cry of 'nigger, nigger.' There is no Democratic principle, State of national, that has not been repudiated—they are wanderers upon the face of the earth without principle and without leader, ravenously hungry and fearfully dry, hankering for the public crib and crying for pie.

"I heard of one of these Democrats the other day who was very much alarmed concerning Negro equality. He had a conversation with a Negro in a back alley; the Negro offered him a bottle of whisky, part of which he had already drank, and the self-sacrificing and alarmed patriot, after drinking out of the same bottle said, 'I will take a drink with you, but I do it with the distinct understanding that I am oppposed to Negro equality.'

"The charge has been so frequently made in this campaign that he Republican administration is engaged in importing Negroes nto the city and giving them work in the construction of sewerage at the expense of the white men in order to colonize and vote them that it is proper something should be done."

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Miss Katie Kester of 608 E. Jacob street, has gone to Chicago to spend a few weeks with her aunt.

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Messrs. Williams, Drake and Jennings became members of Eureka Lodge No. 5, K. of P., last week. The meeting was enthusiastic and a fine lunch served. The keeper of Records and Seals reported that the condition of the lodge was excellent.

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A large number of students passed through the city Monday, en route to Eckstein-Norton Institute, Cane Springs, Ky. Nothing has been heard recently of Eckstein and the new Berea coming together. This seems to have been a great deal of smoke and very little fire.

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Wm. H. Greene is very ill at his residence, 1114 Cedar street, having taken ill shortly after a trip to Kansas City, Mo., during the K. of P. Encampment. His wife who was away at the time visiting relatives in Garfield, Ky., was called home immediately to his bed side.

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The Consolidated Lodge of Odd Fellows is said to have been bitten last week. We were unable to learn the exact amount of shortage, but it is the hope of all that the money will be recovered. The Odd Fellows are very much in need of all the money they can get to finish paying for their hall. A new set of officers has been elected for the coming year.

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There are quite a number of "hen parties" being given in the city recently. Every now and then there is a whist party or a social affair and no men are seen or expected. This may be responsible for the very few marriages that take place in Louisville. It seems that the young women are taking to the "hen party" socials and the men to club life. 'Tis a pity this is entirely true.

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Dr. Sol. Stone has returned from a trip to Cincinnati. Dr. Stone states that Cincinnati is much better for the Negro to get work and that there is a great quantity of laboring work to be done. "At one time," continued the doctor, "it was hard to see a Negro on the streets doing manual labor; they were mostly in hotels. This has changed and a better feeling exists for giving the Negro a chance. Many are now in stores and holding responsible places."

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Mrs. Ida Nugent Paye, wife of Dr. Paye, of Norfolk, Va., returned to her home on Tuesday. Mrs. Nugent has been in this city for several weeks, the guest of her relatives. While here she was elaborately, yet quietly, entertained by a number of her friends. Among those who entertained her were Mrs. Toney Jackson, Mrs. J. B. Cooper, Mrs. R. I Smith, Miss Aljuis Coleman and Mrs. Mayfield.

Mrs. Nugent is a graduate of the Central High and Normal Schools and Louisville Kindergarten. She taught in the public schools here for several years. Her work here was so successful that she was called to teach in Cincinnati, O. Later she became the wife of Dr. Paye, a successful practitioner in Norfolk, Va.

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No one will deny that the Louisville colored Fair was a failure. You can't fool the people by telling them it was a success, when they saw for themselves. The exhibition was not even a slight improvement over the colored fairs of the past. Aside from the few exhibitions of the white lady on the horse and the white man with the dogs, the exhibits were very poor. We must confess that the exhibits of the colored schools and the work of our women in the industrial department deserves much praise.

There are Negroes in business and farmers in Jefferson county who are doing nicely and they could have been made to believe that the fair was theirs, that the reputation of the Negroes of the city was at stake and that the Negroes of Louisville were responsible in a large measure to sustain a fine reputation, the fair would have been more successful. In all public affairs men of the people with common sense must be at its head. This close co-operation money-making scheme will not do no more, the "brother" is wise. Putting up fifteen cents and expecting to get down eighty-five more won't do in all business propositions on the first start.

If they are to give a fair next year, we would advise them to pay their debts, for we know some that owe and they are kicking and kicking strongly. There is a "cog" in the fair wheel, get it out now. We have great faith in our men and women to run a fair, but will they do it? We will wait and see.

A very enjoyable affair is expected to be given at the Chestnut street Methodist church on next Monday night in honor of Dr. L. H. Brown who leaves for conference. Dr. T. H. Copeland will be present and deliver a short address. Special music will be furnished by the choir. The Rev. A. Hannum will represent the Ministerial Alliance, Rev. J. H. Frank, Baptist Union; Prof. S. B. Taylor, principals of city schools; Mrs. Mary Collins, Epworth League; Florence Williams, of this city, will speak for the Woman's Mission Board. G. C. Winlock will be master of ceremonies. Other speeches will be made by James Marks, George Cook and Mesdames Eliza Cook and Mayme Morton. The Cornation Club will also make presentations. Dr. Brown will respond. After the exercises, there will be a banquet served in the basement of the church.


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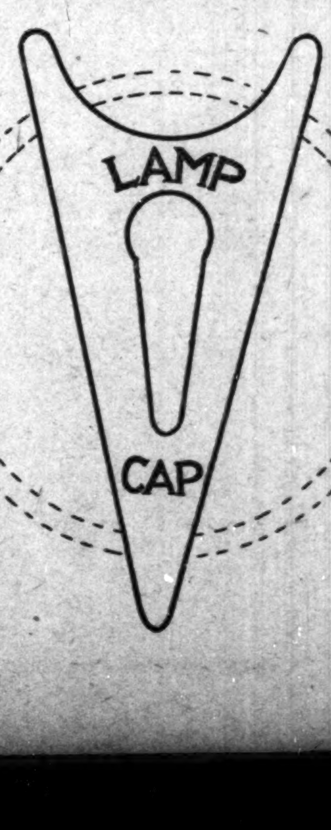

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# The World's Champion Cotton Picker

By Robert H. Bonner.

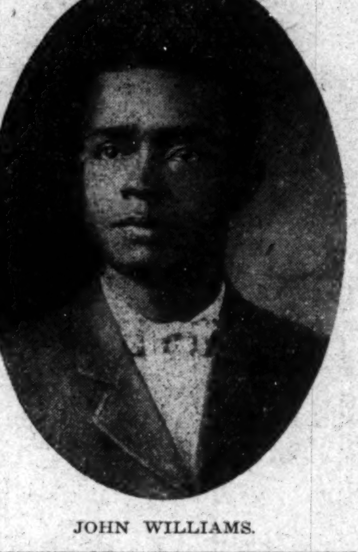
I happened in the W. T. Vernon Club room at Muskogee a few evenings ago and found the subject of this sketch sitting comfortably n an office chair. The day's work was finished and all was free from annoyance, excepting the rumbling of the heavy wheels on the pavement below and that miserable "honk, honk" of the motor cars.

Mr. Williams is seldom alone or idle. The minutes crowd him. He has charge of the $80,000 Scales building at Muskogee and ministers to the wants of nearly 200 people who are officed or housed in that structure. There are other duties. He is one of the social leaders of Muskogee. His advice is sought on all matters pertaining to the entertainment of notable guests within our gates. He is an authority on dress. Can talk French to the cook, stir the punch, decorate the halls and "inspire" the ragtime music.

Standing 5 feet 8 inches in height, straight as an arrow, weighing 146 pounds, muscled like a prize fighter, built on the order of a Marathon runner, smooth featured, a good single handed talker, unmarried and fashion's patron saint, Mr. Williams has encircled his brow with the halo of popularity. Men of note and some of our famous women are numbered among his friends. That friendship is of the proto degree.

Unlike the circus frock or the pot-bellied divine, Mr. Williams has no photos for sale, but he has exchanged them with worthy people. The walls of his room are adorned with the likeness of famous men and women high up in the different professions.

Looking over these pictures, I discovered a large sized frame filled with personal letters and newspaper clippings detailing the feats of John Williams as the



JOHN WILLIAMS.

world's champion cotton picker. I have known John Williams since his advent into Muskogee society, but I did not know that he was the same John Williams of cotton-picking fame.

You can always tell the champions. They have leathered lungs and are natural born betters. They monopolize the street corners, flood the air with their peculiar slang and are the self-made speakers of the liquor houses. That system of self-advertising does not appeal to Mr. Williams's vanity. He has the seal of modesty.

John Williams is a Texan, born three miles east of Waco, Texas, December 22, 1883.

The long bearded seers who scan the heavens and convert man's destiny with the course of the stars, would pronounce the near Christmas birth of the bay Johnnie as a sign of good luck. For over 1900 years ago it was the star of the east in its sunlight splendor, which signalled the dawn of Christianity. That the stars have favored Mr. Walliams, the following narrative will show:

The country life of Johnnie was like that of most boys whose lives are spent on the farms. He played mumble-de-peg, roped the calves, rode the broncho to the mill and attended school in wet weather.

At the age of eight years he picked 200 pounds of cotton daily, which was the first evidence of his championship calibre. When he was 10 years old, his parents moved to Corsicana, Texas, and Johnnie found employment as a house boy at $10 per month with Mr. Scales, a cotton millionaire of Texas. That this cotton boy met with this cotton man was singular. Mr. Scales perceived the cotton qualities of Johnnie, taught him to weight, sample and mark cotton. When Johnnie was old enough, he was sent out by Mr. Scales to hunt cotton pickers and was put at the head of as many as 200 pickers in a gang and picked cotton from Mr. Scales' extensive cotton farms. Johnnie was the bookkeeper and the paymaster for the gang. Bags of money were shipped to him every Saturday by express to make the settlements with the pickers.

Picking cotton is quick money. An average picker should earn $2.50 a day. A gang of 200 pickers con earn $500 a day, or $3,000 a week or $48,000 a season. If a youngster could manage this much business and account for every nickel without a cent for board, it is enough to make the great corporate interests green with envy.

While Mr. Williams was seeing to the business end of the situation, he was by no means idle in the field. His gang could outpick any other gang and he could outpick an yman in any gang. Every day he was smashing records, turning out as much work as three or four men. For four seasons commencing with 1901, he was picking 1,000 pounds a day, earning $6.07 daily. During the season of 1904, he picked 48,620 pounds or 34 1-2 bales of cotton. His feats were creating comment. Cottondom set up and took notice. Every big cotton planter had a favorite picker by whom he swore. The record of Mr Williams gave them the nightmare

A contest for the world's championship was next in order, which took place on the Harrison plantation near Waxahachie, Texas, in the season of 1905. It was a contest long to be remembered. So well was the advertising done that scores of pickers wanted to enter the race. That number was cut down to fourteen, as no picker with a record under 700 pounds daily was allowed to participate in the contest. Every river bottom of the Southland was probably represented. The Mississippi Delta sent its champion pickers who had made records under the tropical sun in spite of its malaria climate. Pickers from old Georgia and the strange named valleys of Alabama were there. Louisiana sent her molasses fed veterans, Arkansas her corn fed. Little Johnnie, of the Brazos, bore upon his shoulders the broad acres of the Lone Star State.

The stage settings were appropriate for this occasion. The hospitality of this southern plantation was typical. Immense crowds and fashionable turnouts from the nearby places thronged the grounds. The old mammy cooks stewed and baked; the rich smell of the roasted meats flavored the atmosphere and made appetites as keen as razors. Opportunity weighed heavily upon the pickers; so great was the enthusiasm that guard ropes had to be drawn around the pickers to hold back the crowds. The big Texan planters, with their wide-brimmed hats, high heeled boots, swore, bet, occasionally took a drink and whooped up the pickers. The pickers, baptized in perspiration, worked like cyclones. Little Johnnie, with his keen legs, was making greyhound leaps down the rows, picking 100 pounds of cotton an hour. After ten hours of hard work, the contest was over. Johnnie picked out 1,037 pounds of cotton, broke all previous records and won the title as the "champion cotton-picker of the world." The Southland applauded him. The big dailies of Texas, St. Louis, Chicago and the East gave him special write-ups. Letters of congratulations were received from big business firms throughout the country. Two world's fairs requested his photograph for the cotton exhibits and handed him the keys to the gates. Tuskegee asked him to join the Busines Men's League. Cotton planters of the Southland invited him to visit their plantations and enthuse the pickers. So great was the correspondence that Mr. Williams had to seek the services of a private secretary.

Mr. Williams is a puzzle to the veterans of the cotton patch. They can not understand the secret of his power. Other pickers have the same physical qualities and experience, but how is it that this one man can outpick any one? The secret lies in his hands. They are of a peculiar physical makeup in such a way that he can manipulate them to suit his fancy. The wrist is hinged, the fingers can lay flat on the back of the forearm and each finger join is independent of the other. When he was a boy, his hands were a curiosity on the streets of Corsicana. He could rob the medicine man of the crowds any day. The doctors were at a loss and pronounced it a freak of nature. When Mr. Williams is in the cotton patch with these peculiar hands, he picks with the under hand method and so quick are the movements of the fingers that the cotton seems to be attracted by some magnetic power and falls from the balls into his hands. When the cotton season is over, Mr. Williams looks after the extensive interests of Mr. Scales. Last year he was offered the management of the big State farm of 7,000 acres near Scurry, Texas, in Kaufman county, tenanted by fifty families of Dutch and Bohemians, at a salary of $100 per month and expenses. The offer was refused by Mr. Williams. It was thought that the honors of that exalted position would not agree with his health in a climate of tall timbers and midnight necktie parties.

Mr. Williams has been one of Mr. Sclaes' most trusted employes for fifteen years. His salary has been increased from time to time by Mr. Scales without the asking.

Johnnie Williams is a self-made man. He has never whooped the college yell, nor sowed peas on the industrial campus. His alma mater is mother's wit.

Should any one doubt the above record, you are at liberty to address Mr. H. L. Scales, North Texas building, Dallas, Tex.

## JOHN H. ATKINS RETRACTS.

Statement by Mr. J. B. Wood and reply by J. H. Atkins to the article written by the latter and published in the Metropolitan News on September 2, 1909:

September 14, 1909.

Mr. John H. Atkins, Treasurer, Metropolitan Mercantile and Realty Co., New York City:

Dear Sir—I have read the article appearing in the Metropolitan News of September 2, 1909, in which you refer to myself in connection with others as having been in the employment of the Metropolitan Mercantile and Realty Company as agent, and I must say that I was very much surprised that such a reference was made to me, as I thought, as stated in your article, that satisfactory arrangements had been made relative to any and all differences which may have occurred between me and the Metropolitan Mercantile and Realty Company, and I do not understand why I should be charged with a shortage in my accounts. As to the St. Louis office, I may not have followed instructions to the letter, but I absolutely deny that a penny of the money intrusted to me was expended for my own use.

But believing that references to me in said article were prompted by certain information, which you stated to have received, to the effect that since leaving the employment of the Metropolitan Mercantile and Realty Company that I used every opportunity to injure the company in the estimation of the public, I wish to state that you have been misinformed, and therefore are entirely wrong in that particular, as I have never tried to influence any one against the Metropolitan Mercantile and Realty Company, but on the other hand, in many cases, when the company has been assailed in my presence, I have spoken in its favor. And as to leaving the employ of the company, I left, as you well know, because I believed that by doing so I could better my financial condition, but after this I did business for the Metropolitan Mercantile and Realty Company by selling bonds and lots.

Having made this statement, I trust that you will get the right conception of my attitude toward the company, and further, that since hearing from me, and my calling your attention to the matter, that you will take such steps as justice demands to set matters right in the premises. Very truly yours,

J. B. WOOD.

Witness: E. H. JOHNSON.

I hereby call attention to the above statement, made by Mr. J. B. Wood, who was formerly in the employ of the Metropolitan Mercantile and Realty Company, relative to an article written by me, which appeared in the Metropolitan News of September 2, 1909.

Referring to the article in question, I wish to state:

First. That the reference to Mr. Wood was purely incidental, and would not have been made had I not believed that Mr. Wood was using his former connection with the company to influence the public against it.

Secondly. The statement was not written for the purpose of reflecting upon Mr. Wood's honesty, but having been informed, as my article stated, that he was doing all he could to injure the company, I made mention of these things to show that rather than not having treated Mr. Wood wrong, that the company had always been his friend, and that in view of this fact, and in the absence of a real cause to the contrary, that he should have done what his statement shows, namely, that "when the company was assailed in his presence, he spoke in its favor." I further state here what I stated in my article of September 2, that Mr. Wood made satisfactory arrangements for settling his affairs with the company, which fact made it harder for me to understand his apparent attitude toward the company. And if the language in my article implies that he was dishonest or short in his accounts, because of any dishonesty on his part, I wish to withdraw the same; and since his statement assures me that I had reached the wrong conclusion concerning him, I am only too glad to make such amends as justice dictate, and therefore do not hesitate in saying that I believe that the irregularities mentioned were not at all due to dishonest intentions on the part of Mr. Wood, and for that reason we were perfectly willing to make arrangements wit him for adjusting matters whenever occasion required it.

Referring to that part of my article pertaining to the St. Louis office, which said that Mr. Wood used the company's money for other purposes, etc., I wish to state that to our knowledge Mr. Wood did not use a penny of this money for his personal use, but only acted contrary to instructions, and therefore in that statement we did not wish to and do not charge Mr. Wood with corruption or dishonesty.

As to my statement that Mr. Wood used the company's time and money to organize a company of his own, I wish to say that Mr. Wood organized his company, as I was informed, in the month of September, 1907, during which time he received a salary from the Metropolitan Company. I did not mean that Mr. Wood had used collections that he had made for our company to establish his own company; but I have been assured by Mr. Wood that his company was not organized until on or about October, 1907, at which time he was not in the employment of the Metropolitan Mercantile and Realty Company. And upon that assurance I find I was in error, and gladly withdraw the statement made by me relative to the same.

In reference to Mr. Wood being dismissed from our company, after finding out that he had organized a company of his own, I informed him that I thought he could not justly serve the two companies, and Mr. Wood deciding to continue with his own company, I requested him to sever his connections with our company, and he did so, but subsequent thereto he did business for our company, as he states in his letter.

I hereby state that I have agreed with Mr. Wood that this statement shall be published for one week in the Metropolitan News, and sent to the subscribers and readers of this paper in the next or following issues thereof.

JOHN H. ATKINS,
Treasurer of M. M. and R. Co.

Witness: E. A. JOHNSON,
Attorney for J. B. Wood.

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SATURDAY, OCT. 16, 1909.

Drifting further from us very day—the sun.

O, yes, this is October's bright blue weather.

Some of the beautiful has already been in evidence—our first precipitation October 12.

In these days of high-priced food it would be well to prepare for the Thanksgiving Day Turkey a month ahead.

Some agitation in New Jersey over marriages between the whites and Negroes, but it is going right along in that vicinity.

Mr. Shank is still talking with effect; he made a hit when he promised the southside a boulevard for the baby cabs to roll over.

If you haven't prepared your pemmican by this time the chances are that you'll reach your north pole a little short on rations.

Joseph F. Cotter, of Louisville, Ky., is still turning out some pretty verses. His "Tuskegee" is a good thing, full of intelligence as well as inspiration.

The yellow bridge, we mean the new bridge, is going up where the yellow bridge stood. At any rate we hope it will be a nice looking bridge if it doesn't look nice and yellow.

The campaign is warming up. Gauss is trying a flank movement on Shank, and Alford is trying the same thing. Between the two Shank is having an extremely lively time.

One-half of President Taft's thirteen thousand miles of strenuosity is about done; he has enjoyed himself hugely. His digestive apparatus is yet in good repair in spite of the numerous invitations to eat.

Governor Willson of Kentucky advises the independent tobacco growers to organize leagues to fight the night raiders. If the advice is acted on some lively scenes are likely to be enacted in that State in the near future.

Mr. Shank has strength with the masses, and he knows it. He is leaving nothing undone to prove that he is their friend—right up from the people. Honesty of purpose and honesty with the people's money are his cards—it's a great hand.

The Erl King is the name of the yacht recently purchased for the Haitian navy. The vessel will be converted into a gunboat. A yacht will not make the most formidable man-o'-war, but the theory seems to be that every little bit helps.

Mr. Hearst for mayor of New York. The famous newspaper publisher refused to give his consent to run until he was nominated. His great campaign a few years ago is not forgotten. He is something to reckon with, a sure enough factor in the municipal affairs of New York.

A certain floriculturist became so displeased with Commander Peary's charges against Dr. Cook that he changed the name of a rare rose from Peary to Cook. The rose will be no less sweet whatever the name, but the rechristening shows how far out the contentions of men reach.

Senator Foraker will receive the committee in charge of the testimonial of the Alaskan Negroes Oct. 21, at 2 p. m., in his office at Cincinnati, O. Rev. E. L. Gilliam, of that city, will be one of the party. George L. Knox, publisher of the Indianapolis Freeman, will make the presentation speech.

The literary people are either the foremost or the hindmost, according to the way their lives are bared to the public. Maybe it is because their chief stock in store is along the lines of felicity, bliss and the other essentials to "divine" existence. The public wants to know if their own houses are in order.

Hurrah for Indianapolis, it will get the next meeting of the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, in 1911. The recent meeting in Kansas was thoroughly representative, delegates hailing from all parts of the country. Indianapolis has won the reputation of a convention city. To see the city means a desire to see it again. The time is some little distance in the future, but the very unusual event will serve to keep it green in our memories, beginning at once to set our "house" in order for the distinguished visitors.

## SHANK FOR MAYOR.

Samuel Lewis Shank, the Republican candidate for mayor, was regularly selected as the candidate of the party, and as such is entitled to the votes of the organization. As to disaffection, dissatisfaction and the rest of it, some small amount is expected at any time after a nomination. The defeated sees objections that otherwise would not have been seen. Mole hills become mountains when the tide sets the other way, and nothing is too trifling to hold up as a scare-crow to affright the voters into voting against the persons the party opposed.

Mr. Shank, the regular nominee, has declared for civil righteousness, civic economy, municipal integrity as to conduct of the offices under his administration. This, in a manner, is a promise of the needed reforms, those that have been spoken of and those merely hinted at. He has promised to look to the best interest of the city, to keep the taxes at the lowest pro rata, and in the meanwhile keep alive the spirit of beautification and general forwardness that has been on for several years.

Lewis Shank, as he is commonly conduct of his private business; in the duct of his private business; in the conduct of office when he was a county official. As county recorder Mr. Shank made an enviable record, and which has had to do with his popularity. He handled the people's money with care. He was an office holder during a period when money seemed to have an unusual temptation. But Lewis Shank was not tempted beyond that which was lawfully his, coming out of office with a clean bill of particulars. In fact, he erred on virtues. Side-money was due Mr. Shank when quit as county recorder—no wonder he ran so fast at the primary polls.

The world has been in quest of an honest man every since a certain wise man of the old days looked long, high and low with lantern in hand. They are loved and honored, being of child-like simplicity that sees and knows things as they appear to be. Abraham Lincoln was one of those kind of men. Little by little the people found out his true worth and as a consequence they heaped honors on him. Mr. Shank is a plain man, just one of the plain people, and there is so many of them. But all honor the good qualities found in men, rich, poor, high and low.

As a citizen Mr. Shank is of good repute; in business he is also of good repute; nothing that is at all damaging can be urged against him. He is of a generous disposition, believing in living and letting live. He promises as mayor to be mayor of all sections of all citizens, fairly guaranteeing a model municipality as to government. With his qualifications the people are expected to do the rest at the polls.

## A BEAUTIFUL TESTIMONIAL TO EX-SENATOR JOSEPH B. FORAKER BY NEGRO CITIZENS OF ALASKA.

Eleven Negro citizens of Tanana Valley, Territory of Alaska, have sent a beautiful gold fob to Hon. Joseph B. Foraker, of Ohio, in token of their esteem for his services in behalf of the one hundred sixty-seven Negro men of the Twenty-fifth U. S. Infantry, and who were discharged by President Roosevelt for alleged conspiracy and the shooting up of Brownsville, Tex. The donors are as follows: John N. Gorma, J. W. Riggs, S. B. Holman, A. G. Grant, Geo. A. Smith, John Cooper, Wm. M. Bell, R. F. Miles, F. Griffin, E. J. Dobbs and Hayden J. Richardson.

The testimonial was sent to George L. Knox, who, in company with a number of prominent colored men of Ohio, will make the presentation in the near future.

The fob is of exquisite workmanship and of considerable value, owing to the metal. The citizens of that far-away community are to be congratulated for their appreciation of Mr. Foraker. His effort in behalf of the discharged Negro soldiers is as famous as the case itself. He won to himself golden opinions of the race, and also of fair-minded men everywhere in endeavoring to get at the facts of the case. It was evident then, is evident now, that but few men could have been engaged in what is known as the Brownsville shoot-up. The Ohio Senator not only saw it that way; he took the initiative, and, through his high office, his energy and watchfulness, succeeded in securing a thorough investigation. This investigation resulted only in establishing the fact that Brownsville had been shot up. The investigating committees held that the evidence pointed to the Negro soldiers, a few of them, if not more. President Roosevelt changed his views somewhat, under the fierce light of inquiry, finally insisting that perhaps some were not guilty, thus weakening the charge of conspiracy and sworn silence.

President Roosevelt also gave further indication of relenting when he recommended a statute that would permit the men to rejoin the army and to draw their pay. His successor, President Taft, has also taken kindly to the soldiers, and the chances are that many of them will lose nothing by the long delay.

Again we insist that Hon. Joseph B. Foraker did very much to bring about the present status in the affair. Not only have the citizens of Alaska been impressed, but from other parts of the country have come recognition of the aid contributed. We join with those of Alaska and those of elsewhere in wishing the distinguished Ohioan happy days.

The annual report of Mr. Ralph W. Tyler, Auditor of the Treasury for the Navy Department, was issued some days ago. Mr. Tyler refrains from making any specific recommendations, but the figures show the increase dvolume of work that has been accomplished under the present administration, and denote a substantial saving for the government in the matter of recovering transportation overcharges. Although additions have been made to the force, there has been a distinct saving to the department through the careful scrutiny of accounts and in bringing the work of the office up to date. Mr. Tyler has made a number of promotions during the year, in which the Negro has had his full share, as far as the Auditor has been able to control the matter. He draws no color line in the consideration of the personnel of his office, basing all advancements on efficiency alone, yet he takes care that the faithful Negro employes are ot discriminated against when openings are available. The number of employes at present on Mr. Tyler's pay roll is 112, their classification being as follows: One law clerk and three chiefs of division, at $2,000 each; eleven clerks at $1,800; twenty at $1,600; sixteen at $1,400; twenty-three at $1,200; seventeen at $1,000; fiftee nat $900; one at $800; one messenger at $840; one at $720; three laborers at $660.

## MY MOTHER.

By WALLACE NEEDHAM.

(With Apology to Sylvester Russell.)

I saw a face in a certain place,
Methought a "golden halo"—
The idol of the colored race:
A margin most like tallow.

"How light!" I said, "around her head!
Methinks I must examine—
No, it's too late, for she is dead;
To-morrow comes my famine."

When I awoke it was no joke—
Like her there is no other;
It seems to me that picture spoke:
"Remember, child, your mother."
—Zanesville, Ohio.

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## ROYAL GIANTS DEFEAT NEW YORK AMERICANS

NEW YORK.—(Special)—The Brooklyn Royal Giants defeated the New York Americans at South Norwalk, Conn., last Friday, the score being 9 to 6. Both line-ups were as follows: Royal Giants—Monroe, second base; Earl, left field; Johnson, shortstop; Lang, right field; Buckner, pitcher; Robinson, first base; Broff, center field; Bradley, catcher; Monpenny, third base. New York Americans—Pattie, second base; Hemphill, right field; Chase, first base; Elberfield, shortstop; Denmitt, center field; Warner, third base; B'ain, catcher; Manning, left field; Doyle, pitcher.

## Y. M. C. A. WINS FROM W. U. SQUAD

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—(Special)—One of the best football games seen here in years was the opening game played between the fast team of Western University of Quindaro, Kan., of which Register W. T. Vernon is president, and the Y. M. C. A. At no time was the Y. M. C. A. team's goal in danger, as the ball was kept in the territory of the Western University at all times, which caused them to punt repeatedly. The Association men skirted the ends and broke through the line time and again. The score was 9 to 0, favoring the Y. M. C. A.

## BALTIMORE, MD.

Harry McCubbins was a visitor at Washington, D. C., last Sunday, the guest of Miss Ida Contee....Secure THE FREEMAN at the Camden Station baggage room, or 516 West Conway street.

## SAN ANTONIO, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr John Henry, who has held a position wth Mri J. Hewett for quite a while, will not be seen there, and will go west to locate in business for himself. His many friends wish him success.....Miss Elsie Grant, of Victoria, has returned home after spending three weeks in the Almo city, a guest of her sister, Mrs. Lilly Trimmer, 202 Live Oak street.

## MANSFIELD, OHIO.

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Rev. W. W. Grimes has been returned to Marion and Mansfield....Miss Williams, of Findlay, is the guest of Mrs. Thos. Wilson....Mr. Anderson Thompson is convalescent....The K. of P. Lodge will give an old-fashioned spelling bee on the 20th....Messrs. Ralph Breckinridge and Erwin Dunmore have gone to Detroit to attend the ball games....Mrs. Harvey Johnson is ill....Miss Cora Lonie, of Ashtabula, is the guest of Mrs. Frank Cromer....Miss Hattie Duckett has returned to Cleveland....Mr. Boyd Hicks entertained a number of friends at his home on the 6th....Mrs. America Spencer is remodeling her home....Albert Martin, of Toledo, recently visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Martin....Miss Naomi Davis has returned from Chicago.... Misses Beaumont and Harris, of Cleveland, were the guests of Mrs. A. Beaumont on Sunday....The Frances Leiter W. C. T. U. will meet Sunday, October 17, at Mitchell Chapel.

## BOONVILLE, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The colored school has a good regular attendance....Rev. Graves administered the sacrament at his church Sunday.... Mr. and Mrs. Owens left for Kentucky, where they are to reside soon. Mr. Owen accompanied his wife as far as Owensboro....Prof. Cunningham took charge of his school at Africa, Ind., last Monday. Prof. Morpin has charge of his barber shop...Mrs. Geo. Tompkins is still on the sick list. The following ladies called on her Sunday afternoon: Mrs. Ola Green, Anna Green, Mrs. Ola Robinson and Mrs. Rakes. Mrs. Tompkins would be pleased to meet other ladies of the city....Prof. Cunningham will make Africa his home while teaching....The colored school will render a program in the afternoon before Thanksgiving.

## PEORIA, ILL.

Rev. Henry Jameson, pastor of Ward Chapel, A. M. E. Church, has returned from conference and from Kansas City, Mo., where he was called by the sad intelligence of his sister's demise, Miss Fanny Jameson....The business session of the Ladies' Aid Club convened at the home of Mrs. Etta Conway, 1220 Third avenue, with nineteen members present....Miss Anna Rhodes was hostes sat an informal luncheon, Friday, at 1 p. m. Covers were laid for six, viz.: Rev. Beasly, Rev. Murrell, Dr. S. A. Askew, Mrs. Addie Brown and Mrs. Della Ellis....Rev. Beasly, evangelist, of Coffeyville, Kans., is assisting Rev. B. N. Murrell in holding a series of meetings at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Great success is anticipated....Miss Lillian White and Geo. Foert were quietly married Saturday evening....The funeral of little Robert Yancy was held from Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Monday afternoon, at 2:30....On Monday afternoon, at the parsonage, Rev. B. N. Murrell spoke the words that launched the soul-craft of Mr. Thos. Boone and Miss Irene Garnett out on the matrimonial sea. The bride is from Des Moines, Ia., and is a charming addition to Peoria society. The couple are at home to their many friends in their cozy flat on Monson street....Mrs. Clara Kuntz visited friends in Alton and St. Louis the past week....Mr. Wallace Boone, of Minneapolis, Minn., arrived in the city last week, the guest of his sister. ....Rev. Ward, of Decatur, and Rev. Turner, of Champaign, were visitors in the city Sunday....Mrs. Frankie Davis departed for her home in Minneapolis, after a delightful visit with her many friends in this city, her former home. While here she was the guest of Mrs. Anna Boone.... Mrs. Winslow is still quite ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Oda Booker....The many friends of John Jackson will be pleased to learn of his convalescence.... The slight blaze at Ivan Harper's Pantatorium caused him no little annoyance. However, things are running well under repairs....Wm. Couizzins visited the State Fair in Springfield, Ill., a few days last week....Miss Clara Brown was called to her home in Petersburg, Ill., by the serious illness of her father....Rev. Ernest Hall, of Bloomington, Ill., was in the city last week....Mrs. Bell is reported as being quite ill at her old home in Louisville, Ky., where she had gone to visit....Mrs. Carrie Houston was called to Springfield by the serious illness of relatives.

## KANSAS CITY, KAN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. Godfred Ward and Miss Mary Cook were quietly married Monday evening of last week, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Slaughter, Oakland avenue., by Rev. Brown....Mr. Edward McKnighter, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McKnighter, of 537 State street, died last week after a long illness....Mrs. Mattie Shannon, of Topeka, is the guest of Mrs. M. Hill, now of North Third street, this week....The city has been over run with strangers and visitors the last week in attendance at the annual fall festivities in Kansas City, Mo., special trains having been run on every railroad entering the two cities....Rev. O. E. Jones, pastor of the St. James A. M. E. Church, was returned for a third term by Bishop A. Grant at the deliberations of the annual conference held in Leavenworth, Kan., last week His record as minister at St. James is exceptionally good and his church was the banner church of the conference, having a report of $350 in money contributions....Rev. J. W. Buxton, of Colorado Springs, returning from the conference, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Smith, of State avenue.... A benefit to the Sunflower Old Folks Home at Larence, Kans., will be given by the five Baptist churches in this city on the 22nd at K. of P. Hall....Register of the United States Treasury W. T. Vernon was in the i cty from his school, the Western University at Quindaro, Kans., visiting friends last week....Mr. C. C. Moten, a prosperous young farmer of Whiting, Kans., paid a visit to his brother, Mr. J. C. Moten, of the city department, last week....The home of Mrs. Thornton, of 1811 N. First street, was completely destroyed by fire Thursday afternoon. Partly insured.... Mrs. Carrie Fields and daughter returned to their home in Lawrence Sunday after a week's sojourn....Copies of The Freeman at 1512 N. Third street and 539 State avenue. Subscriptions also taken... Miss Emma Robinson, of Victoria, Tex., who has been visiting friends in Kansas City, Mo., and Miss Lillian Campbell, of this city, return home this week....Mrs. Mollie Lyles and son Rol, of Richmond, Mo., were the guests of Mrs. D. F. Jones, 1710 N. Water street, this week....Rev. G. McNeal, pastor of Pleasant Green Baptist Church, and G. M. of the U. B. F. and S. M. T.'s of the Kansas jurisdiction, spent last week in Wichita, Kans.....Mr. and Mrs. Samuel S. Taft, of Los Angeles, Cal., are spending their honeymoon days in the Twin Cities among relatives. They are reported as being among the wealthiest colored citizens of the west.

## CAMPAIGN WAXES WARM.

### Logansport Politicians in Fierce Fight to Land Their Respective Candidates.

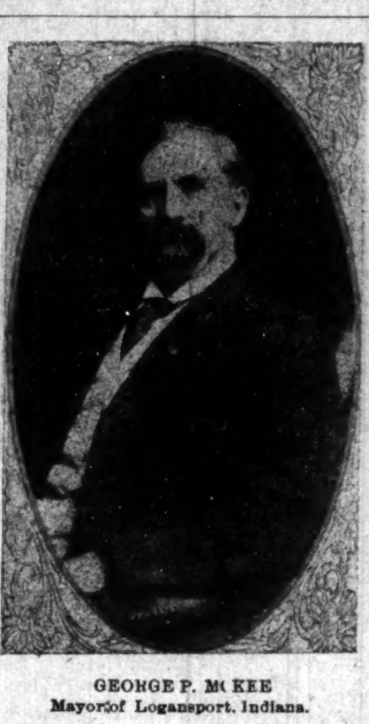
By J. D. HOWARD.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

LOGANSPORT, Ind., October 16.—Matters political are having full sway in Logansport during these closing days of the campaign. Perhaps never before in the history of Logansport has the fight for the mayoralty been so bitter or the final result more in doubt. The political situation in Logansport is somewhat unusual, and has ever been a rather complex affair. In a city of twenty thousand, which is normally many hundred Democratic, to give, for more than thirteen years, a Republican majority in the mayoralty race is a circumstance at once both novel and interesting.

The survival of the fittest regardless of party affiliations seems to have ever been the slogan of the people when the selection of a mayor was at issue. George P. McKee, the incumbent head of the city, has been the mayor since 1894, with the exception of two years. Mr. McKee is a dyed-in-the-wool Republican, and was a man of such personality, character and convictions that the people have always regarded him as something of a political Moses, and notwithstanding a Democratic majority of many hundred in the city of Logansport, has returned Mr. McKee to the mayoralty chair for various terms covering a period of more than thirteen consecutive years. No better indictment from the people as to a man's worth and popularity could possibly be manifested by a community than has been bestowed upon Mr. McKee.

The present trouble, it seems, is a split in both parties and a fusion of warring factions with various grievances, either real or imaginary. The saloon is playing little or no part in the contest, but seems rather to assume a neutral stand and may-the-best-man-win policy. The colored people are almost a unit in their support of McKee. From what I could glean in my rounds among the active colored politi-



GEORGE P. McKEE
Mayor of Logansport, Indiana.

cians, they were unstinted in their praise of Mr. McKee. Many instances were pointed out of his fairness and impartial administration of office. My interview with the mayor himself for more than an hour was very pleasant, and resplendent with stories and reminiscences of Mr. McKee's struggles during the times immediately after the close of the war. Perhaps more than any other I was interested in his story of his battle for recognition of the colored school in western Pennsylvania about this time. He told, in an amusing manner, how his zealous agitation of the necessity of the establishment of a Negro school won its point, and how the embarrassing question of a teacher for the school, after provision for it had been allowed by the commissioners, confronted the people. At this time the feeling against the education of the Negro was about evenly divided even as far North as western Pennsylvania. The white people who were available as teachers hesitated to run the gauntlet of ridicule attendant upon such a course, and, as the story goes, the position of teacher finally devolved upon Mr. McKee, the father of the original move. There still glistened in the old gentleman's eyes a spirit of defiance for the customs and proscription of the times against the Negro. The recital of his experiences as teacher of that first colored school seemed to recall many unpleasant memories incident to the constant nagging of the narrow-minded whites and their persistent insults toward himself for daring to have the temerity to teach a Negro school.

That Mr. McKee has been a staunch and consistent friend to the colored people of Logansport was cheerfully acknowledged by all. It is safe to say that Mr. McKee will secure fully 90 per cent. of the colored vote in his present race for re-election.

## YOUNG LOUISVILLE POET

Concluded from Page One.

As swift as lightnings with the storm clouds fly,
To light the paths celestial feet have trod;
So be thy soaring to the realms on high,
When mortal feet no more shall tread this sod—
And thy holy spirit wings its homeward flight to God!"

The "Ode" is a continuous poem of of nineteen Spencerian stanzas, issued in the neatest phamplet form, and sells for ten cents a copy. Mr. Jones is selling his poems to maintain himself and sister in school, which we think very creditable indeed. The poem should be in every Negro home. It may be had by sending ten cents to E. Smyth Jones, Howard University, Washington, D. C., or Miss Estelle Jones, Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala., after November 1, 1909.

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The Rev. and Mrs. Gorham, Mrs. Clemett, of Charlotte, N. C., and Mrs. Mills, of Fifteent street, were guests at dinner Monday at the home of Dr. J. A. C. Lattimore. Mrs. Clemett's husband was formerly pastor of the Thirteenth Street and Broadway Street A. M. E. Zion Church, but is now editor of the Star of Zion. Mrs. Clemett has been most highly entertained during her visit here and took a prominent part in musical programs during the Zion Conference, which was presided over by Bishop J. C. Caldwell. Mrs. Clemett has extended a number of friends to visit Charlotte during the next quadirennial conference.

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Cary B. Lewis was the guest of "Dicky" Harris, of Frankfort, Ky., last week while attending conference. He was given a dinner by Green Watts and a coon supper by Dr. E. E. Underwood.

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The Rev. L. H. Brown, pastor of the Chestnut Street Colored Methodist Church, was given a farewell reception Monday night. A large crowd was present to hear addresses from pastors of other churches give the Rev. Brown a God speed. Prof. S. B. Taylor acted as master of ceremonies. The most important part of the exercises was the address of Mrs. Mattie Allman, who presented the Rev. Brown with a gold watch valued at $100. She spoke of the number of the club and how zealously they had work to accomplish their purpose. Speaking of Dr. Brown she said: "You have honored us by your moral deportment and consecrated service to God and the race. This gift I am about to present to you was purchased by the determined efforts of the members of the Cornation Club, of which I represent, and we feel that we have not worked in vain It is a very pleasant duty on behalf of the club to present you this watch, to be kept during your lifetime and handed down as an heirloom. When you look upon the dial to tell the time, think of the time it was presented to you and the ones who gave it. May your future life and service be like gold, pure and valuable, your firmest purpose like a diamond, and may you ever hold in tender memory the Cornation Club. We all bid you God speed." Mrs. George Alexander and Miss Louwillie Withers, secretary of the Dollar Club, presented Dr. Brown with a fifty dollar suit. A fine crazy quilt was presented to Mrs. Brown by the Cornation Club. A reception followed the presentation speeches. The members of the club are as follows: Mesdames Nannie Johnson, president; Mattie Allman, secretary; Thomas Pryor, treasurer; Carrie Mumphrie, chaplin; Della Philips, vice president; Margaraute Willson, assistant secretary; Fannie Williams, chairman merchandize department; Ella Vaughn, chairman refreshment committee; Eddie Rhea, Nancy Philipps, Ethel Vaughn, Jennie Helm, Anna Martin, John Philipps, Leon Rhea, G. G. Young, Master W. M. Bates and Lilie Long.

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Again Mr. Faustin S Delany will come before the public asking them for their support in patronizing an entertainment on Oct. 28, at the Chestnut Street Methodist Church. Prof. Carl R. Diton, an accomplished and talented pianist will be the feature of the musical. He comes under the management of G. Grant Williams, of Philadelphia, and indorsed by America's noted music critics, Geopp, Gilchrist and Von Sternberg.

The affair is expected to be the rarest and most successful treat that the Louisville people have ever experienced. In fact, says Prof Delany, "it is to be an enjoyable musical feat."

The pianoist is to be assisted by Mme. Lucy Porter, soprano; Miss Lauretta Dodd, mezzo; Mrs. Musador A. Anderson, contralto; Mr. George Hampton, basso, and Mr. Albert Wilhoit, reader.

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Bishop C. T. Shaffer, bishop of the Fourth Episcopal District, passed through the city Tuesday en route to Mayfield, Ky., to hold the West Kentucky Annual Conference. He was accompanied by his son, Dr. Carl Shaffer, of Chicago, who is acting as his father's private secretary, Dr. G. F. David, Dr. J. M. Turner and Dr. S. W. Frazier, of the Kentucky conference. At the Kentucky conference in Frankfort last week, it was the largest and most successful in its history. Much was done toward the educational and missionary betterment for Negroes in the State.

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Society is very quiet in this city. Many are waiting for time to wear the new style hats and cloaks, while others claim they will remain quiet until time to go on trips Thanksgiving and Xmas. The Tuskegee trip on Christmas is still uppermost in the minds of some of the "400"

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# THE STAGE

Additional Stage News on Page Six.

Lummie Ratcliffe sends best regards to E. N. Witt and bunch. F. F. Jeffries, write.

Cook and Stevens are the hit of the bill this week at the Grand Theater, Indianapolis.

The Egglestons, the comedy musical duo, are appearing this week at the Pekin, Chicago.

Ester Pace sends best regards to Billy Bradley, Chink Floyd, W. T. Cherry and Will Lewis. Write, care of The Freeman.

The McCarvers, Sadie and Billy, are appearing with their usual success to appreciative audiences this week at the Family Theater, Indianapolis.

Mahara's Minstrels played a return date at Aberdeen, S. D., last week. Israel Clark sends regards to all friends, and the entire company sends best wishes to everybody.

Boyd and Burns are at the Ideal, San Antonio, Tex. They are cleaning up with their up-to-date stunt, "Brother Sylves," and singing, "Wish I Had a Girl." Regards to our friends.

The Thompsons are still en route with the Congo King Company. Regards to Kenner and Lewis, of New Orleans. Write us in care of The Freeman. Also, hello to McNeils, in Atlanta, Ga.

Elvis "Slim" Masson, late of Lowery-Morgan's Minstrels, is still in Louisville for a few weeks, and sends regards to Oma Crosby and Kinky Girls, the P. G. Lowery bunch, and all friends.

The Black Patti Company showed at matinee and night last week, at Dallas, Tex., to the capacity of the theater. The Finsters are also cleaning up at the Grand Central Air Dome, in the same city.

Fiddler and Shelton will appear at the Grand Theater, this city, next week. Mrs. Shelton, who has been visiting in Chicago, and Mrs. Fiddler, who has been the guest of her mother at St. Louis, will join their husbands here.

Miss Emma Johnson, the Texas nightingale, and Mr. Harrison Blackburn, the Southern buck and wing dancer, hold the boards at the Evening Star Theater, San Antonio, Tex., with their hits, "Don't Take Me Home" and "Lonesome."

Hunt and Causby have dissolved partnership, and A. Wilson Hunt and Royal L. Moss opened their new original act, under Green and Brooks' new agency, Monday, October 11, A. Wilson Hunt playing straight, while Moss gives the comedy.

The Pewee Comedy Juggler writes he is showering five balls and placing a hat and cigar on his foot, throwing them in the air, catching the cigar in his mouth and hat on his head, also his lamp and glass of water trick, where he places them both on the stage and picks them up without putting his hand to either object.

## AT THE ELITE THEATER, FLORENCE, S. C.

Old original Tim Moore is cleaning up singing "I Was Jus' Feedin' Yo' Chickens." Hester Moore is also cleaning up singing "That Loving Man." The Moores send regards to Lee Henderson, also Frank and Mrs. Crosby, and would like to hear from them. The Elite Theater is fine, showing before good audiences every night, and managed by G. B. Skipper, with Mance McDaniel as stage manager.

## THE DIXIE MINSTRELS.

Everybody is well. Joe A. Hagermon joined in Rocky Mount, N. C. Mr. White made a trip to Petersburg and Norfolk and added a cornet and trombone player to the band and a couple of girls to the show. Robert C. White is preparing for his No. 2 company, which will tour Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas this winter. Wm. Foustroy would like to hear from Leroy Knox. Nothing but harmony in this show. Get the money, Howard, with Dixie Minstrels.

## THE PEKIN AT MEMPHIS.

The first part of last week Happy Goodloe presented "A Crap Game in War," and it was a scream. The last part of the week Mrs. Goodloe gave "I Love My Husband, but O You Henry!" She sang "Lonesome" and received three and four encores. The Jennings took the house with "Are You On?" Our coon shouter, Carrie Hall, sung "Love Me Like I Like to Be Loved," and Mrs. Jefferson "He Has Such Beautiful Eyes." Johnnie Lee sends regards to McCammon and Phil Williams, of Allen's Minstrels. Our musicians send love to all performers. Billy Zeek says hello to the Atlanta bunch.

## R. ROY POPE'S MINSTREL CARNIVAL CO. EN ROUTE RINGLING BROTHERS' CIRCUS.

We are pleased to say that during our stay in the city of Dallas we were treated with the greatest courtesy by all, especially the musicians, and Mr. Griffin, The Freeman's agent. Many new acquaintances were made and several old ones found. All is well and we receive our usual daily praise as being A1, clean, neat, respectable company of real musicians and performers. Regards to all.

## PEKIN THEATER, CHICAGO, ILL.

This week's bill at the Pekin consists of the Zemo Zemo Troupe, in a high-class exhibition of wire walking, contortionist work and acrobatic stunts; the Two Franciscos, in their comic magical act; Bradford and Bradford, in a singing and dancing sketch. Their songs are all new ones and their dancing is original. Lottie Wilson, in a singing and dancing soubrette act, and the Musical Egglestons, who play on various musical instruments, mixing in some good comedy from time to time, complete the bill.

## GAITHER THEATER, CINCINNATI.

Gaither Theater had the bill of the Stroll, with C. W. Beebee, the original coon shouter, singing "Transmagnificanduality," setting them wild. Douglass and Douglass, in their comedy sketch, are giving much amusement with their old-man stunt. Miss Mayme Davis is the greatest female baritone singer of her race. Bradford and Bradford sing their own songs and close with their sensational buck dance, Mrs. Bradford receiving curtain calls. Perry Bradford sends regards to Billy King, White and Washington, Sank Sims and Grace Williams, and say they only have ten weeks of Doyle's time. That's all.

## GEM THEATER, MEMPHIS, TENN.

The Gem had another fine week. Bam Willie Too Sweet, our stage manager, surprised the audience impersonating in his new play entitled "Mr. and Mrs. Sqursh," which was a scream. Miss Lula Too Sweet, our play writer, left Sunday morning for Helena, Ark., to visit her father.

Billie Murrell and Willie McMcDufre have something new in dancing. Susie Cook and Floyd Fisher are a hit singing "Oh, What I Know About You!" The team of Tausul and Tausul met with an accident Saturday night. When the bell rang for the curtain to rise Mrs. Tausul was taken with a severe cramping, which delayed the show, but her place was filled very nicely by her understudy, Merrell. Glad to say Mrs. Tausul is better.

## DEATH OF KITTIE BROWN.

Mrs. Kittie Brown, the well-known vaudeville actress, formerly with the Rabbit's Foot, late with the Florida Blossoms, died at Tampa, Fla., September 30. Mrs. Brown was well known throughout the country as one among the best vaudeville actresses that have performed in the Southern States. She was buried at Tampa by her many friends who have known her for years.

## MANAGING NEW VAUDEVILLE HOUSE.

W. M. Benbow and J. Paul Wyer have secured a new vaudeville house in Pensacola, which will be called the Pekin Theater. As Mr. Benbow has had many years' experience in the business and has traveled with some of the best shows on the road, and Mr. J. Paul Wyer has had same with some of the best bands and orchestras in the country, they will no doubt meet with much success.

## HAVE YOU HEARD THE LATEST SONG HIT?

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This song is Mr. William Johnson's original idea. There is not a greater Southern ballad song on the market today. For melody and harmony construction this song cannot be excelled; also a good quartette number. Published copies of this song can be had at the Foster Music Company, 3025 State street, or send direct to Victor Creamer Publishing Company, 152 Lake street, Chicago.

## RICHARD & PRINGLE'S MINSTRELS

Mrs. Clarence Powell entertained a few members of the Georgians. She had not seen the big funmaker (Clarence) for several months, consequently the meeting was notable. Mrs. Powell is a very handsome woman, blessed with both beauty and intelligence, and knows all points of good service. Those present at dinner were Billy King, Fred Simpson, Sidney Kirkpatrick, W. A. Robinson, Dave Smith and Leonard Gaines. The gang got a little start on Fred Simpson, but he gave Powell a close shave for the finish. Powell finished in front by one cup of coffee. Fred showed two distinct abilities, a trombonist and an eater. Everybody claims the Georgia to be the best show in the South this season.

## LINCOLN THEATER, LOUISVILLE.

Business is getting better here right along. With the change in programs came better shows, and the public has been quick to appreciate the change. John Overton, the new producer, has undoubtedly made good in the fullest sense of the term. The show this week is one grand, continuous scream, every member of the company appearing at his or her best. The original policy of the owners has been rigidly adhered to, and everything possible has been done to make the house deserve the popularity it now has. Plans are under way for new interior decorations and an enlargement of the stage, so that a company of twelve people can be kept regularly, and the prospects are that the Lincoln will become the most talked-about playhouse in the country.

## P. G. LOWERY'S MUSICAL ENTERPRISE EN ROUTE WITH WALLACE-HAGENBECK CIRCUS.

The show is now in Arkansas, playing to good business throughout the State. Prof. Lowery's band is as follows: Tom Tolaver and Tom May, cornets; Fred Richardson, clarinet; Antole Victor and H. S. Rawles, altos; Arthur Hill and Irvin Brown, trombones; James Hall, baritone; Billy May and Toney Barfield, bass; John Edwards and Charles Beechum, drums. Billy Earthquake, our stage manager, will be seen in vaudeville after November 8. Miss Essie Williams is singing "Kinky" and sends regards to Mrs. Sallie Means. John Edwards is making a hit singing "Abraham Lincoln Jones." Miss Jennie Gallie is cleaning up singing "Music Makes Me Sentimental." Charles Beechum, the boy from home, is singing "That's a-Plenty," which is a big hit. Mrs. Blanche Beechum sings that rag song, "Lonesome," which is a scream. All will be seen with Lowery & Morgan's Minstrels this season.

## THE PROFESSION IN MILWAUKEE.

By P. J. Cooper.

The Kemps are featured at the Majestic this week.

"The Red Moon" turned them away at the Bijou Theater last week. Aida Overton Walker was easily the favorite, and the colored people were allowed to occupy seats on the lower floor all week.

Bert Williams and his "Lode of Koal" are expected here next month.

Captain L. C. Vale is touring the State in the interest of his Catholic (colored) mission, and making dates for a high-class concert company to give entertainments to help raise funds to carry on the work, which has done much good for the colored people in this section.

Mr. Walter Revels, the popular tenor singer, sends regards to his son, Walter, Jr., who is with Al Martin's U. T. C. company.

Mr. and Mrs. William Morgan, bass and soprano singers of Philadelphia, are booked with Cooper's Chocolate Drops bunch as principals this season.

Regards to James Coleman, of U. T. C. company, and my cousins, the Beechums, with P. G. Lowery.

## THE SOUTHERN SMART SET CO.

All members of the company are in good health and spirits. The show has been playing to crowded houses everywhere. All managers along our route are asking for return dates. The company will occupy their new Pullman palace car at Taylor, Tex. The event will be celebrated by a banquet en route, furnished by our popular little manager, T. L. Corwell, and cooked by H. S. Wooten, better known as "Old Faithful." S. Tutt Whitney, as Geo. W. Bullion, is scoring a big hit. The white critics speak of him as the best Negro comedian ever in the South. By the entire company he is called "Big Chief." The work of J. Homer Tutt, as Sam Cain, is a revelation. He is sure to be a big surprise to the up-country folks next season. Miss Daisy Peters makes a dashing, vivacious "Mrs. Dewar" and scores heavily in the songs, "Smile on Sue" and "Dat's Sufficiency." Miss Nettie Taylor, Wm. A. Baynard, Frank Jackson, Sam Gardner, Sank Sims, Mabel Brown and Mamie Gardner, principals in the cast, are doing excellent work in their respective parts. The Mississippi Maids, Babe Brown, Mabel Deheard, Ethel Marshall, Lida Marshall, Hallie Dean and Blanche Simms, are the dancingest lot of dancers that ever danced. Their dancing number is one of the decided hits of the show. The "Strutting Sams," so called from J. Homer Tutt's whirlwind song by that name, are in a class by themselves. It would be hard to find a more intelligent or versatile lot of performers than the following: H. S. Wooton, Al Strander, J. J. Weaver, Lewis Lindsay and J. Woodson. Mr. Woodson is the happy possessor of a phenomenal bass voice, which will make him conspicuous in any company of singers. The music of the show is efficiently handled by Henry Waterson, director; George Rhoan, violinist, and Lawrence Williams, traps. Al Strander looks after the stage. T. L. Corwell, manager of the company, is an Englishman, and, incidentally, the best white man with a colored show in the business. "Dat's sufficiency."

## THE PYTHIAN TEMPLE AT NEW ORLEANS.

Mr. Joe Sims has staged the Honey Bunch Minstrels, with new faces, which met with the approval of the Temple's patronage. An increase of business assured the management of an indefinite length of stay. Last week Mr. Charles Williams staged "The Richest Man in Georgia," a musical comedy in two acts, and for the first time since the Temple was opened Sunday night they played to standing room only. The principals are Williams and Stevens, Bessie La Belle, Arthur Maxwell and Joe Simms. They are well drilled. Every character sticks out for itself. Mrs. Laura Logan as Aunt Johnson; Mr. Major Brooks as Doc Johnson; Charles Williams as Peatie; Gus Stevens as Charles; Joe Simms, the waiter boy, Wait. They have a chorus of twenty pretty girls. The musical numbers were as follows: First act—Opening chorus, company; "Good Evening, Girls and Boys," Miss La Belle; "Don't Dog Me Around," Joe Simms; "We Are Marching," Williams and Stevens; band played "Dixie," company and brass band. Second act—"Kentucky Home," Mrs. Logan; "How Many Have You Told That To?" Stevens and La Belle; "Your Eyes Are Open," Williams; "Old Black Joe," quartette; "Dat Was Me," Joe Simms; "You Dear Old Tennessee," company. The show is a scream from start to finish. The managers, Kilduff and Cheevers, now wish to road the show. Everything is lovely. Regards to all. The ghost walks regularly. Simms has been sick in bed, but is all O. K. now. Marion Brooks, write. Clarence Bush sends regards to all.

## BERT A. WILLIAMS IN "MR. LODE OF KOAL."

(Syndicated in The Freeman and Lodge Journal and Guide, Exclusively.)

By Sylvester Russell,

America's Foremost Colored Stage Critic.

CHICAGO, Ill., October 4.—The Great Northern Theater was crowded to overflowing when Bert A. Williams made his first polite bow as a full-fledged star in the new operatic musical comedy, "Mr. Lode of Koal." The book and lyrics both are by Jesse A. Shipp and Alex. Rogers, and the music is by J. Rosamond Johnson. The story deals with a man who is a great dreamer, who walks in his sleep and then wakes up again. Pay no attention to the plot nor to the place of the scene, which was somewhere, nobody knows and nobody cares, but it was a nice place, with gorgeous scenery, unsurpassed in palatial splendor, adorned by flags of all nations, and those of no nation at all.

We cannot dwell too long on the many features of this great, stupendous scenic production, which should have been named "The Land of Somewhere." The public, having judged the style of the play by its name, was disappointed. When Bert Williams walked out upon the stage like Oscar Hammerstein in blackface, followed by a big chimpanzee, it was the signal for the usual uproar and excitement which generally greets him on his entrance. But Mr. Williams had a great mission to fill, and he knew it. He knew he was facing an audience that could see the ghost of Ernest Hogan, the greatest individual colored comedian who ever lived, beckoning in the shadows, "Be brave." He could dream of George W. Walker as a helpmate to his peculiar style of explosive comedy which he had intrusted to capable Tom Brown and less capable Alex. Rogers, but which should have been assigned only to Jesse A. Shipp, who was not in the cast at all, and who is the only actor in the company who could have filled the vacancy made by the absence of Mr. George Walker. So, to put it mildly, it was a great task that Mr. Williams had to endure, and it is just to say that he acquitted himself with remarkable grace and agility in all his comedy work throughout the play. Of his songs "My Ole Man" was the best, and, strange to say, he cut off his encore in favor of the grand finale. "Christening of the Baby" and "That's a Plenty" were gems which brought forth the same big reception which comes to him for his irresistible comic grotesque dancing.

The mistake that Mr. Williams has made in this new venture is that he has failed to have his people placed in the cast to his own advantage, and to fill the vacancies left by the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Walker. In failing to do this, both his partner, George W. Walker, and Aida Overton Walker are naturally missed. Mr. Shipp should have been supplemented at any cost and at the sacrifice of the stage management, and Miss Lottie Grady, late leading lady of the Pekin stock company, who is fully capable as an all-around actress, should have been given full sway, and it was expected that she would, to follow the trail of Mrs. Walker. As the situation now stands, Mr. Williams' supporting cast is miscellaneous and not essential to his success. Mr. Williams is a great comedian of only one style of work—as an old-time darkey—with humor divided into three classes: grotesque dancing; an original method of walking; and explosive talking; which must be led up to by some collective source of inviting character. So, in order to live up to his former reputation, Mr. Williams will have to strengthen his main support as Ernest Hogan did, as a collective force to sustain his limi-scope of characteristics, in a chorus company too large and pretentious for narrow supporting case or any lengthy soliloquy. Anything short of this would be for Mr. Williams to underestimate his own value. No performer, however great, in the company can detract from the popular estimation of his public reputation, but would rather serve to aid him as a star whom people have not been used to see shining alone.

Among the male members of the cast Mr. Williams had but little support. Their lines were directed to the big comedian without punctuation enough to give him a chance to properly elucidate his peculiar style of comedy, which they know he must score upon in order to carry the big company through, which he has so bravely and nobly striven to keep together. Of the three main supporting actors, Tom Brown was easily the most impressive. Alex. Rogers was an actor of sterling quality, but his method and tone of feeding the star was faulty. J. Leubrie Hill was still worse, but his acting, although a little ranty, was an unexpected pleasure of newly acquired ability. Charles H. Moore was another very good actor who totally disregarded punctuality in his dialogue with the star. Henry Troy was fair as the captain, but gave a good declaration in one of the scenes. His singing of "Bygone Days in Dixie" was delivered with all his former ease and sweetness of tone, being supported as a quartette including Sterling Rex, J. H. Thomas and Clarence Redd. And the singing of the waiters in the court scene was a male revelation in harmony.

Of the female contingent Miss Lottie Grady, who makes her first appearance with this company in the character of a fortune teller, was a dream in a green gypsy gown weighed down by a heavy sash. She was sweet to look upon, but had little to do, and made much out of a small scene with Mr. Williams. She will probably have more to do on to-morrow, when Mr. Williams finds out that she is expected by the public to fill the place left vacant by Aida Overton Walker. Miss Hattie McIntosh, who is a very good comedy actress, also had so little to do that everybody wished for more, if but to prolong a scene with Mr. Williams. Sleven Navarro as the court dancer was as nimble as could be on the tips of her toes, but in the song "Chink Chink Chinyman," with Tom Brown, was one of the decided novelties of the evening. Mr. Brown in particular has but few equals in characters of this kind, and the two should have taken an encore that was cut off by the entrance of Mr. Williams in the next scene. "The Harbor of Lost Dreams" was sung by Miss Josephine De Vance, and "In Far Off Mandalay" by Ada Guiguesse, both with light soprano voices to moderate success. To be plain, the show is badly regulated. It needs a female classical soloist in the worst way, and I fancy if Mr. Williams does not utilize the full force of talented people in his company, he may see frost before winter.

Jesse A. Shipp and Alex. Rogers, in building this play, had a double-quick job to perform. It seems very much like a Rogers play, and one possibly of Williams' ideas. J. Rosamond Johnson, in writing the music, had to jot it off in a hurry. It is very good, considering that Mr. Johnson's sentimentalism was led astray by the doleful realization that dreams must be interpreted by solemn music. His best labor was with the choruses, but "The Harbor of Lost Dreams" was possible enough to make white people hum who worship Rosey.

The chorus numbers were quite even, albeit that the Great Northern orchestra, including the Williams end, was all very noisy. The chorus consisted of the prettiest girls that could be found and the finest dressed chorus I ever saw, and their make-up was commendable.

That the fine music of Will Marion Cook was missed is true enough, and his place could not be filled by any other composer short of H. Lawrence Freeman, whom Mr. Williams should have sought after. Certainly Rosamond Johnson would not write music for another star to equal that in his own production.

All these defects which I have criticised have already formerly been perfectly presented in "Rufus Rastus" by the practical, experienced efforts of Ernest Hogan and J. Ed Green, and now stand as an example to be copied after again. There would have been no need to say that the production was too modern if the comedy element had been strong, etc. No sane man can laugh at the same thing more than twice without something else in between. In order to dispel the doom there must be some assorted novelty between the acts and bravos. And with these speedy changes the show will be a howling success before it reaches New York, where there are no real colored critics—they're all white. But how about Boston, where all the people are Harvard critics and dusky graduates?

THE CAST.

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| Chester A. Lode | Bert A. Williams |
| Buggsy | Alex. Rogers |
| Gimlet | Tom Brown |
| Gluten | Siven Navarro |
| Buttram | J. Leubrie Hill |
| Weedhead | Charles H. Moore |
| "Cap" | Henry Troy |
| Messenger | Charles McKenzie |
| "Sarg" | J. E. Lightfoot |
| Lieut. 1st | Sterling Rex |
| Lieut. 2nd | J. H. Thomas |
| Lieut. 3rd | Clarence Redd |
| Royal Cask | Matt Hosley, Chas. Foster |
| Mysteria | Lottie Grady |
| Woozy | Hattie McIntosh |
| A Sailor | Ada Guiguesse |
| Kinklets | Josephine De Vance |

Others in the cast and production are Hattie Hopkins, Bessie Brady, Anita Bush, Lavinia Rogers, Maggie Davis, Adah Banks, Ida Day, Katie Jones, Inez Clough, Minnie Brown and the Misses Gomez, Ellis, Lewis, York, Vaughn, King, Payne and F. Brown and the Messrs. Gibbs, Tapley, Saulsbury, Hilliard, Tulliver, Hawks, Payne, Holland, Cooper and Chappelle.

The production is under the direction of F. Ray Comstock, with Jack Shoemaker as manager and Clarence D. Parker as business manager; Jesse A. Shipp, stage manager; William C. Elkins, chorus director; William Spedick, traps; Harry S. Stafford, master machinist; Robert R. Craig, props; D. T. Rader, electrician; J. A. Shipp, Jr., transportation agent; Lizzy De Massey, wardrobe mistress.

## DEHOMEY IN AN UPROAR.

The Goats have at last been dealt what looks to be a fatal blow by the manager of the Chicago Pekin Theater, who disappointed 1,500 people.

This blow was well aimed, and landed heavily on the William Goats on Friday night, October 8. This was the regular weekly night for the Goats to ramble. As they had played every house along the stroll, it was advised by the body to select a committee to secure the Pekin, which was done in order. Heretofore the other small houses had volunteered their houses for the midnight ramble of Goats, but on this occasion the committee, which was composed of Irvin C. Miller, Marion Brooks and Original Rags, waited on the manager and secured the house at a rental of $20 for a show to run from 11:30 to 1 o'clock, and received a receipt for the money. Everything seemed to be O. K., as the manager of the Pekin took the Goats as a big country joke. The Goats appointed committees of one to take care of every department. Everybody got busy, and in some way they landed Bert Williams for a card to address the body. By Friday morning at 10 o'clock every reserved seat had been sold. A monster vaudeville program had been arranged. The whole Bert A. Williams Company had bought seats. The Goats had set themselves for a big night that night.

The trouble began. The two big theatrical politicians of Dehomy met down town in a third-class booking agent's office and pulled off the biggest deal known in Dehomey. Why, it would have made Klaw and Erlanger, Belasco and Shubert look like thirty cents! Just listen! At the hour of 7:30 in the evening, during the time the Goats were very busy, the private secretary for the manager of the Pekin Theater walked up to Irvin C. Miller and handed him a note. Enclosed was $20. No writing. They just explained that "The Goats can't ramble at the Pekin Theater to-night." That's all. The amusement committee waited on the master of the Pekin Theater to find out the reason and try to persuade him to allow the affair to come off. Nothing could persuade him to change his last decision. Then they asked him would he give them some kind of a reason for turning them down, so that they could explain to the public. At length the grand mogul said that he did not like the Goats' secretary. The committee was dumb struck. After gathering their wits together they offered another proposition, that they would look up the secretary and call a special meeting and have the secretary resign for once and all time rather than see the ramble fall through at that late hour. Also that it was too late to get any literature printed or to secure another place large enough to accommodate the people. Nothing would move him as long as the secretary was a member of the Goats. The committee explained to him that the secretary was one of the charter members, and was a well-known character. It was funny that he knew every member of the Goats and had overlooked their secretary until the eleventh hour. Nothing could move the Caesar of Dehomey, as this was his chance to crush the wonderful secretary of the Goats, whose name, in short, is not worth mentioning. This was the excuse for throwing down 100 respectable men and 1,500 patrons of the amusement world—just on account of a cheap figurehead secretary. Yet this was the case.

The Goats could do nothing, as it was too late to notify the public, who had by this time commenced to flow toward the Pekin. Nothing could stop them. By the time the regular show was ready to let out it was impossible to pass. The trolley cars stopped to find out what was the trouble. The management of the Pekin settled everything, just as the crowd was about to break down the doors, by announcing in a clear voice that under no consideration would the Goats ramble in his house (the Pekin) to-night or any other night, and rather than disappoint them he had arranged to give them a free show; that they should look up the secretary of the Goats and get their money back, if he could be found. The crowd was of a good nature, and took advantage of the rare treat and filled every seat in the house of unknown prices.

During the early part of this great theatrical political deal the power behind the throne that runs the one and only house south of Thirty-first street, also the only owner of an automobile and the great black failure theatrical promoter and ruling power of the Pekin, was in constant conference to make sure that the deal would go through without a hitch, which it did. President Taft's campaign was not handled better. So everybody is taking off his hat to the Powers.

During the progress of the performance the Goats got in one blow that came near breaking up the show. A committee went to the manager and ask him in an humble way to allow one of their number to announce from the stage where the people could get their money refunded. The manager granted this little favor. The Goats selected their ablest speaker, young Mr. Aliman. This youngster stood the house on its head by announcing that the manager of the Pekin had thrown down the Goats cold at the last minute; that every one would get their tickets redeemed on State street, near Thirty-first street. He did all this before any one could get their hands on him.

In airing this matter it is well to acquaint the public as to who and what the Benevolent Order of Goats are, and what is their aim, which can be answered in a few words: A body of Western actors, managers, musicians, etc., not so strong, but formed along the order of the Lambs, to take care of their sick and disabled and bury their dead. No union; no syndicate or secret organization. All of their meetings are open-door affairs. There is nothing transacted in their meetings that could not be posted on a bill-board. No obligation beyond rendering their services free of charge every rambling night. Any member can work for whom he pleases at any price. Under no circumstances will the Goats allow an individual to bring up his personal affairs during a meeting, or act on any. It has a membership of 100 members that work in every branch of the show business; has no club room; meets in any of the local theaters that will allow them, and hold their rambles in the same way when they are allowed.

Space will not allow the writer to print the names of the officers and members in this issue of The Freeman. The names and pictures of the charter members will appear in the next issue of this paper, and more reading matter on the above subject. It is thought that the real trouble will come to light in a few days.

Any organization that can draw from 1,000 to 1,500 people any night after 11 o'clock should place their trouble plainly to the public. That's the power the Goats showed last Friday night.

## C. V. B. A. SPECIAL NOTES.

By Bradford.

**Notice—The Freeman, in instituting this special column for the C. V. B. A. Notes, once more demonstrates its claims to originality along this line of news. The Freeman is the first colored paper to give this deserving colored vaudeville artists' society a special column for their news.**

While we live let us live.

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That post card announcing meetings is fine.

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The whist tournaments are the real thing.

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Hello, brother, did you get your button yet?

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Avery and Hart are at the Alhambra this week.

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We want all members to send in their views and news.

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The C. V. B. A. would like to hear from Cook and Stevens.

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Look out. Did you send in a set of your photographs, yet?

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Say, Britton, send some news into this column. How's that?

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It was Harry Prampin who introduced "Let us Live While We Live."

Irving Jones and Burt Grant are at C. V. B. A. rooms frequently.

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Scott & Whaley visit the headquarters daily. They are two fine boys.

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C. V .B. A. have planned a big reception for S. H. Dudley's company soon.

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Dan Michael is becoming a great whist player at the C. V. B. A. headquarters.

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Well, well, I declare. All New York is talking about the C. V. B. A. picnic yet.

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We would be pleased to have Fiddler & Shelton write something to this column.

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We would also like to hear from our worthy president, Mr. Leon Williams, through this column.

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Joe Moore has returned from up the State, after a successful tour, and will open at Huber's Museum soon.

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J. Harry Jackson is the official printer of the C. V. B. A. and the new letterhead is the cleverest thing yet.

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The telephone at the rooms will be handy for members to telephone to vaudeville agents in New York City.

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Letter just received from Deas, Reed and Deas, members of the C. V. B. A. Act going big at Spokane, Wash.

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Bob Slater, Tom Lemonier and Harry Prampin are studying music and will give the brothers a surprise soon.

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You can join C. V. B. A. anywhere. Just see a traveling deputy and get an application. If you are in the show business.

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Caution! Beware of frauds. There is only one C. V. B. A. and it's headquarters are at 507 6th avenue. Be sure you're right.

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Bob Slater is right on the job. He is a hero and earnest worker. So is Sam Davis and Dick DeCroom. Oh, you temporary house committee.

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The sacred concert given by George Archer and Carl on Sunday, October 10, at the Palace Theater was for the benefit of the sick fund of the C. V. B. A.

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Get wise to the big C. V. B. A. ball, coming soon. Place, Madison Square Garden. Biggest thing since the Hudson-Fulton celebration and the one best bet.

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This issue finds the C. V. B. A. still thriving and getting new members every day despite all knocking and jealousy of some similar organizations. This organization is and always will be the best theatrical vaudeville colored organization in the whole world.

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C. V. B. A .was first organized May 24, 1909, at the residence of Sam Davis, 124 W. 26th street. C. V. B. A. was incorporated July 16, 1909. It has grown rapidly since its organization and to-day is the greatest colored artists' association in the world.

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The special trick that Brother Sammy Davis spoke about to the writer and which notice appeared in this column. Last issue consists of a head spin without hands. He claims to have did this special trick for the past sixteen years and it is his own original property. Any brother who has anything to say to the contrary do so in this column. C. V. B. A. protects all members—personal and material.

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The fourth insertion of this special C. V. B. A .column finds members at New York and other cities, who it has been imposible to reach owing to change of routes, etc., and unforseen circumstances patiently waiting for the writers and members' special notes, appearing only in this column.

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Mr. La Motte's notes exclusively and the members' notes will appear in this column from now on as Bradford turns this column over to the members of the C. V. B. A. Brothers, if you have got any news for this column, send it in now. This column is a permanent institution with The Freeman, and it remains for Mr. La Motte and the members, to carry on this column indefinitely.

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The writer received a letter from an artist friend who is out West, asking if it was posible for him to join the organization without coming to New York. The writer wishes to answer through this column for the honorable committee of the C. V. B. A. that you can join out West or down South, or up North, if you are an artist. Just see any of the traveling deputies of the C. V. B. A. They are traveling everywhere and you are welcome if you are an artist.

## AUSTIN, TEX.

Special to The Freeman:

Mr. Hamilton C. Gregg was buried Saturday from Wesley Chapel Church.... Prof. Anderson made a flying trip to Houston Friday....Students are coming from all parts of the State to enter local colleges...Every one should read The Freeman. Get it at 424 East Sixth street.

## ROUTE.

BERT A. WILLIAMS CO.—"Lode of Kole"—Chicago, Ill., beginning Oct. 3, for three weeks.

RICHARDS AND PRINGLE'S FAMOUS MINSTRELS, under the personal direction of Holland and Filkins—Childress, Tex., Oct. 18; Clarendon, 19; Amarillo, 20; Plainview, 21; Tulsa, 22; Canyon City, 23.

FIDDLER AND SHELTON—Week of Oct. 17, Grand Theater, Indianapolis, Ind.

A RABBIT'S FOOT COMPANY—Marion, Ala., Oct. 17; Selma, 18; Montgomery, 19; Tuskegee, 20; Opelika, 22.

BOWMAN AND ST. CLAIRE—Week of Oct. 18, Orpheum Theater, Cambridge, Ohio.

SOUTHERN SMART SET COMPANY, starring S. Tutt Whitney—Denison, Tex., Oct. 18; Bonham, 19; Clarksville, 20; Paris, 21; Commerce, 22; Sulphur Springs, 23.

BLACK PATTI MUSICAL COMEDY COMPANY—Brownwood, Tex., Oct. 16; Waco, 18; Austin, 19; San Antonio, 20; Victoria, 21; Galveston, 23.

SUNNY SOUTH IN VAUDEVILLE, with Johnson and Wells—Week of Oct. 17, Sioux City, Iowa.

P. G. LOWERY'S ENTERPRISE—Alexandria, La., Oct. 18; Lafayette, 19; Franklin, 20; Algiers, 21; New Orleans, 22, 23, 24.

WILLIAM McCABE'S TROUBADOURS—Westside, Ia., Oct. 18; Arcadia, 20; Glidden, 21; Ute, 22, 23.

R. ROY POPE'S ANNEX BAND WITH RINGLING BROS CIRCUS—Paris, Tex, Oct 18; Greenville, 19; Terrell, 20; Shreport, 21; Texarkana, Ark., 22; Tyler, Tex., 23.

## THE FREEMAN POSTOFFICE

**Notice.—Persons whose names appear in the following list will kindly send for mail, as the names will appear four times and then returned to writer or dead-letter office. It would prevent delay if all performers would send route from time to time and letter could be forwarded at once.**

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| Claybrooks, Alfonso | Sherman, J. E. |
| Dudley, E. B. | Smith, Speedy |
| Francis, Lon | Stafford, Eddie |
| Francis, Tom | Taylor, Waller |
| English, The Great | Taylor, George |
| Eggleston, L. C. | Tobias, John |
| Harris, B. H. James | Woodley, Robert |
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# THE STAGE

## WHAT THE COLORED VAUDEVILLIANS ARE DOING IN NEW YORK CITY AND THE EAST.

By BRADFORD.

Dan Michael is still with the Majestic Trio.

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Vaughner, Patterson and Halliday a hit always.

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THE FREEMAN is the best colored paper in America.

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Al Stearns, the Prividence Kid, is still hitting them hard.

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The Wangdoodle Comedy Four are doing nicely in the East.

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Scott Joplin's new stop time instrumental music is great.

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Bill Bradley of the Bradleys, is doing fine with his single act.

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Wesley Norris, late of Norris and Wiley, is doing nicely alone.

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Dick De Croom is cleaning up at the C. V. B. A. headquarters.

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Smith and La Rose are doing nicely and they are well booked up.

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The Bruces are on the road. They are a big hit all over the East.

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Ringer and Bunch are making good in the East. Two very clever boys.

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Frank and Etta Clermonto are still doing nicely around New York City.

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Muriel Ringold was a big hit at the 14th street theater a short time ago.

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Lord Denton has got another big vaudeville act up his sleeve. Watch Denton.

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The Prampin's, Harry and Laura, have got some excellent bookings in the East.

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Ralph Nicholas was a great acquisition to the ochestra at Palace Hall theater.

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Joe and Sadie Britton were a big hit in Brooklyn at the Fulton theater. How's that?

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Bob Slater is doing great. Bob has got the goods and knows how to peddle them.

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The Marshall's made the hit of their lives at the Atlantic Garden, New York City.

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Ralph Nicholas is the director of the orchestra at Carl and Archer's new colored theater.

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THE FREEMAN is getting to be the official dope sheet on the Eastern colored vaudevillians.

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W. H. Brown, entertainer, is with the Hunters Island Inn Trio. He is making good, as usual.

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Hill and Hill are doing nicely. Wesley Hill's boy was visiting New York a short time ago.

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Davis and Nash are booked at the Star theater, Rutherford, N. J., with other good time to follow.

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Billy Harper, Chris Smith Trio made a big hit at the 14th street theater a short time ago.

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Davis and Walker have got a good offer for the Pantages Circuit, which they are considering.

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William Parquette, of the Parquettes, is now with "The Hunter's Island Inn Trio," doing fine.

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John Rucker, the Alabama Blossom, is making a big hit at present in the East, playing vaudeville.

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See Bradford. He wants your history for THE FREEMAN. He wants every colored artist's news.

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That musical talk by Prampin, Lemonier and Slater was very interesting. All three are fine musicians.

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Mr. Al Sutherland, New York vaudeville agent, wants to hear from Jack Smith, late of the Majestic trio.

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Mr. Syndney B. Chase is still at the Bayview Hotel and Roadhouse furnishing amusements for the guests.

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The Roys are getting the money around New York City. It is as good a colored act as any the West has sent us.

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Barvea's Southern Cracker Jacks, with Sam Shelton and twelve people, are doing well in vaudeville. Booked solid.

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Lee Whipper, New York's colored agent, is booking acts right and left in and out of New York City. Lee is all right.

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Vaughner, Patterson and Halliday was a riot at Polis, New Haven and Meridian. They also did well at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

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I say, your news is important to Bradford. Send in something. It will be pub'ished. Bradford is with THE FREEMAN.

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Hill & Hill are booked at Proctor's theater, Newark, with Troy, Albany, Pawtucket, R. I., and several other places to follow.

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Minnie Robinson and Daisy Brown are playing at Philadelphia, Pa., with their sister act. They report success with their offering.

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Jones, Grants and Jones are booked to appear at Proctor's theater, Newark, N. J. Irving Jones sends best regards to S. H. Dudley.

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Judge Murray, at the 54th street Court, New York City, is a very fair Judge and colored and white are given a fair chance by Judge Murray.

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Contracts have been signed by C. V. B. A. for their big ball to be held at Madison Square Garden, New York City, January 28, 1910.

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Davis and Walker have got some great offers from the big Eastern managers. They have got a great act and can make good on any old bill.

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Lee Whipper, New York City's colored vaudeville agent, is booking acts for Western time. He is a clever fellow. His agency pays in New York.

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Hello, fellows, did you catch that C. V. B. A. column in THE FREEMAN? It is great. It is the correct dope. By Bradford and Secretary La Motte.

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James Brooks and Bessie Wilson have formed a two-act. They opened at the Keystone theater, Hoboken, N. J., and report success with their clever offering.

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The New Amsterdam Musical Association (Inc.) of New York City, held their grand Hudson-Fulton souvenir picnic at Manhattan Casino, 155th street and 8th avenue, New York City, on Monday evening, October 4th. It was one of the social events of the season and there were several colored vaudeville artists present.

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The three Garcia Brothers, Los Cubanos, in their sensational aerial act, are making a big hit in the East and the writer is making them acquainted with all agents.

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Mrs. John Rucker's house has the appearance of a colored vaudeville show. The Bruces, the Roys, Payton and Wilson and Dan Michaels, answer to the dinner bell.

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Johnson and Dean certainly made more than good when the writer saw their act. All the great white critics spoke nicely of their act when they played the American theater.

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During a successful tour of England the Brittons all went wild over the Britton, so Joe and Sadie Britton have still got a warm spot in their hearts for Great Britain. How's that?

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A. A. Copeland and Miss Mattie Phillips are arranging a singing and dancing act. Mattie Phillips is a clever colored woman and Copeland is also very good. This should make a great act.

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Brown and Nevarro, who are now with the Lode of Kole Company, are greatly missed in vaudeville. They did one of the best acts in vaudeville that the writer ever saw. It was so different.

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Mr. Robert Francis Douge, secretary of the New Amsterdam Musical Association, is also secretary of Riker's Black Concert Band. Mr. Douge is one of the prominent colored men of Manhattan.

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Ben Allen, who runs the professional headquarters at Artic and Kentucky avenues, Atlantic City, N. J., told the writer that he is thinking of opening a colored theater in Atlantic City. It will pay.

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Have you been interviewed? If you haven't, it is no fault of Bradford's. He is trying to interview everybody. THE FREEMAN has the largest circulation of any colored newspaper in the West. It will boost you.

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The Robinson Trio are well booked up and report gaert success with their new act. The act is composed of the following well known colored vaudeville artists: J. B. Robinson, Mamie Carter and the Buffalo Kid Wilson.

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Everybody said that interview that THE FREEMAN published last Saturday by Bradford of John Rucker was the candy and everything published was the truth. John Rucker is one of America's foremost Negro comedians. Bradford said that.

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The Southern Quintette are certainly making a big hit around Philadelphia. They write me that they are taking four and five bows every show. They play Four-Paws theater soon. This will be their fifth week in Philadelphia.

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Say, by the way, did you ever catch John Vaughner? Well, if you didn't, why catch him. He is undoubtedly one of the best colored comedians, singers and dancers, with a great deal of original personality, that ever stepped on a vaudeville stage in America.

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Black Carl and George Archer must be given credit of being the first colored men to open a first-class colored vaudeville theater in New York City. It was Sunday night, October 3, 1909. Put this in your scrap books. THE FREEMAN is authority on colored show news, East and West and then some.

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Those articles that Frank La Motte puts in that C. V. B. A. column are great. It's a fine thing and Mr. La Motte being the secretary of that organization is in touch with all news of importance. Members getting THE FREEMAN see Mr. La-Mott's news in C. V. B. A. column.

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Martin and Fox report great success. They just got in the city from Newburg, N. Y., where their show, consisting of twelve colored artists, was pronounced a big winner by press and public alike. They are scheduled to appear at Bayonne, N. J., week of October 10th, and have other time to follow.

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The Up-To-Date Four, comprising the following wellknown colored players, Wiliam F. Patrick, Joe Furber, Al Jackson and Fred Jackson, just finished a successful fourteen-weeks' engagement at at the Hoffman House Roof Garden, New York City. They sing, dance, play music and are all-around high-class colored entertainers.

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Pankey and Cook made a big hit at Young's Pier, Atlantic City, N. J. They were on a bill with a number of headline acts, but the press gave Pankey and Cook their share of praise. The press notices that Pankey showed the writer spoke for themselves. Pankey and Cook also made very good at Stamford, Conn. They have got some good bookings.

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The colored vaudeville ladies suffragette society held its first meeting at a well known sister house a few nights ago. Among the suffragettes present were the following: Mrs. Bertha Grant, Lillian Bradford, Etta Clermonto, Edith Lemonier and Mrs. J. Vaughner. No men were allowed at the meeting and all ladies who attend these meetings are sworn to secrecy.

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Lemonier and Wilson did not play at Hammerstein's New York City theater as arranged, but will play there at a later date positively. This act is surely coming fast. They have got a good offer to play a well known Western circuit. Lemonier and Wilson are worthy of their growing success, both being very clever in their respective lines. Tom Lemoniere is one of the best colored song writers in America.

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While playing at the Academy of Music, Jersey City, N. J., the writer noticed that his wife and self had dressing room No. 3 and he noticed names of otehr colored artists written on the wall, namely: The Clermontos, the Roys, the Ashers, Queen Dora and the great English and the Bradfords also registered. Well, the audience is crazy over colored acts, even if they do all dress in No. 3, Academy of music, Jersey City, N. J.

## DEAS, REED AND DEAS,

### Singers, Dancers and Acrobats.

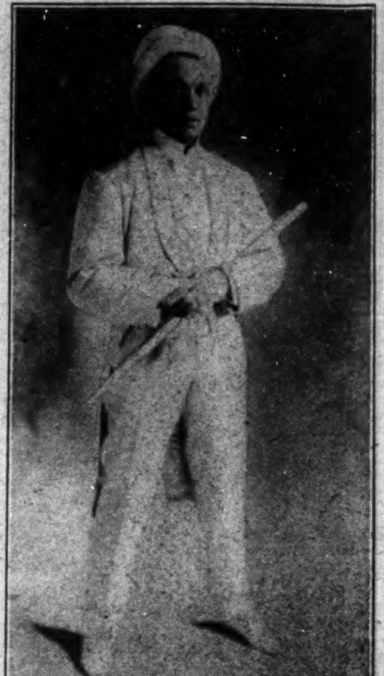
By BRADFORD.

PAST PERFORMANCES OF DEAS AND DEAS.

Deas and Deas have been one of the most successful of all colored vaudeville acts. They have always been a hit wherever their act has been presented in the past. Their wardrobe, as well as ability, has been the cause of much favorable comment by press and public.

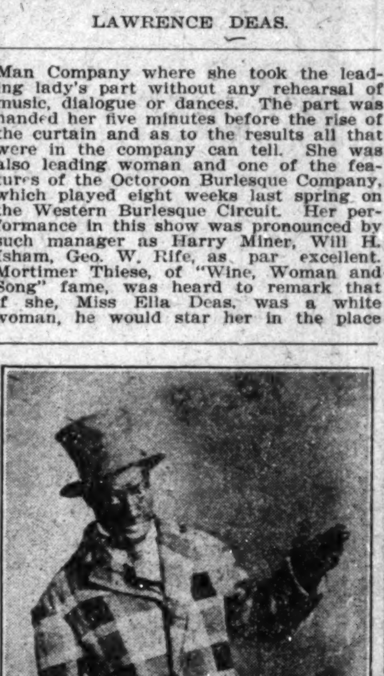
Miss Deas still retains her reputation as the finest dressed artist in vaudeville. The act of Deas and Deas has played all the leading vaudeville circuits in America, as well as many other countries. They will both be well remembered as prominent features with the late lamented Ernest Hogan's Oyster Man Company with which John Rucker was also a company star. Mr. Lawrence Deas was leading man for the late Ernest Hogan Company and created and acted capably the part of Samuel Austin. Miss Deas was leading soubrette with the late Ernest Hogan's Oyster Man Company. Mr. Lawrence Deas will be remembered by old timers as senior member of the well known team of Deas and Wilson, which at that time was considered the most promising young act in the business. They wre the first colored act to use a piano on the stage singing their own compositions. Deas was the originator of the chicken song craze, being the composer of the greatest coon song hit, "All I Wants Is My Chicken," which was featured by Burt Williams, the late Ernest Hogan, Billy Kersand, Lew Dockstader and Bob Cole, of Cole and Johnson, besides many other acts of lesser note. This song Deas claims was the biggest hit that Bob Cole ever sang, and holds the record for taking more encores than any song ever sang on the stage.

Deas is also well known for his producing ability, having produced and staged vaudeville acts and shows and assisted the late Ernest Hogan in writing two of the greatest colored shows ever produced, namely the Smart Set and Oyster Man. Miss Deas is considered to be one of the cleverest colored women on the American stage today. She has only had a slight opportunity to prove her real value and that was in the Oyster



LAWRENCE DEAS.

Man Company where she took the leading lady's part without any rehearsal of music, dialogue or dances. The part was handed her five minutes before the rise of the curtain and as to the results all that were in the company can tell. She was also leading woman and one of the features of the Octoroon Burlesque Company, which played eight weeks last spring on the Western Burlesque Circuit. Her performance in this show was pronounced by such manager as Harry Miner, Will H. Isham, Geo. W. Rife, as par excellent. Mortimer Thiese, of "Wine, Woman and Song" fame, was heard to remark that if she, Miss Ella Deas, was a white woman, he would star her in the place



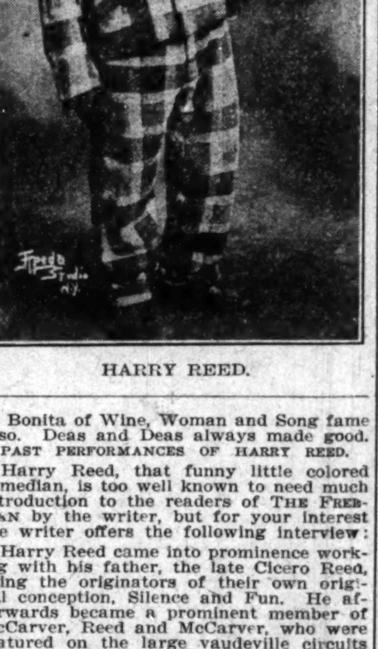
HARRY REED.

of Bonita of Wine, Woman and Song fame also. Deas and Deas always made good.

PAST PERFORMANCES OF HARRY REED.

Harry Reed, that funny little colored comedian, is too well known to need much introduction to the readers of THE FREEMAN by the writer, but for your interest the writer offers the following interview:

Harry Reed came into prominence working with his father, the late Cicero Reed, being the originators of their own original conception, Silence and Fun. He afterwards became a prominent member of McCarver, Reed and McCarver, who were featured on the large vaudeville circuits and in every well known colored minstrel



ELLA DEAS.

company at the time their own show, the Honolulu Coon Company, in which he was the leading comedian and handled all the comedy, being such a strong factor that when he quit the show, the managers refused to play the show. One of the McCarvers mentioned in conjunction with the above company was the most eminent lamented late Howard McCarver. After leaving the show Harry Reed next joined the Smart Set Company, taking the part of Willie Hee Hee, and was credited with getting more out of the part than the man that created it in America. He afterwards joined hands with John Christian, skatorial artist, and under the team name of Christian and Reed, they played their well known skating act in all the leading American vaudeville theaters and were a special feature with the Patti Show. He was next featured in the well known vaudeville act Archer's Philippino Girls, doing the leading comedy for that act.

Next he created the part of Useless, the Dog, with the late Ernest Hogan's Oyster man Company. In this part he was pronounced by the press and public to be the equal, if not better than the originator of the canine character, Geo. All. This character was one of the leading features of the above show. He next joined the Majestic Trio, doing the comedy for that act and while with this act played thirty consecutive weeks on the world's famous Orpheum circuit. He next joined hands with Deas and Deas, whose pictures also appear above and the success of this trio to date is told in the following lines:

PRESENT SUCCESS OF DEAS, REED AND DEAS.

The above trio started as stars of the Octoroon Burlesque Company and past performances go to show conclusively that they were deserving of the honor of stars of the company, being bestowed upon them. This company was written, taged and produced by the above trio in four days and made its initial performance at Miner's 8th avenue theater, New York City, and after the obstacles that are to be met with, with all new shows were overcome. The show was a big hit and the principals easily demonsrated their real value and ability by carrying off all the honors of the show and was pronounced by press and public to be the best show seen on the Empire circuit that season. The above show got its real meritorious test at Washington, D. C., having to follow in another well known colored show in the same house and a week following being handicapped with following the other big colored shows, and the principals as well as the name of Deas, Reed and Deas' show not being known in Washington. The aggregation did a very big business at Washington. Below is an extract from a Washington paper, which speaks for itself regardnig what Washington thought of the Deas, Reed and Deas show, at Lyseum theater, Washington, D .C.:

"The Octoroon Burlesque Company is the attraction at the New Lyceum this week and like the preceding company, is composed of Negro performers. The Deas, Reed and Deas show being superior to last week's, both from a vocal and comedy standpoint, while the chorus was strong in ensembles."

Note—Mr. Deas holds above write-up, being simply writer, not critic, the writer withholds the name of the other company, but suffice to say the other company was great, but the press and real critics thought Deas, Reed and Deas' show was greater in Washington. They opened the present season in vaudeville at Henderson's Theater, Coney Island, New York, being the break-in week for their new act. They were forced to close the show behind that well known colored act, the Dixie Serenaders and not alone from this, they were handicapped, but they were also handicaped by having two different acts on the bill, singing two of their feature songs of their act. They came along and sang the same songs, over again, and was one of the hits of the bill, after which they played all the leading New York vaudeville theaters, and consequently they open the last week in September in Calgary, Alberta. On a tour of thirty weeks on the Pantages, and Wm. Morris (Inc.) Vaudeville Circuits, when Deas, Reed and Deas return from the cost they have got a surprise to spring on their friends. Deas, Reed and Deas are two kings and a queen, so says the writer. It's a hard hand to beat.

## THE PROFESSION IN PITTSBURG, PA.

The cool weather last week had a tendency to swell the attendance at the Star and Fulton Theaters, both houses played to S. R. O. last week. E. H. Irwin and his stock company presented "The Curio Hall and Museum" on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; Thursday, Friday and Saturday "A Trip to the Pole," which was a scream. This show made the Star one of the leading theaters on the hill. Mr. Earl Walker and his stock company at the Fulton presented "The Count of No Account" and a "Trip to Africa," which was well received.

The Fulton stock company has as its members some of the best talent that is to be had in the profession. The company is composed of Earl Walker, one of the leading comedians of today; R. Anthony Bush, pianist, composer; William Butler, all-round musician; R. G. Baker, stage manager and leading man, who was two seasons with Ernest Hogan, the famous Lindsay Quartet, vocalists and instrumentalists, who have played the leading vaudeville circuits of this country; Mrs. Jackson, prima donna; Julia Smith and Grace Palmer, eccentric dancers, soubrettes and character artists.

## MR. SAM DAVIS, OF DAVIS & WALKER

### Late of Furber & Davis.

INTERVIEW BY BRADFORD.

Sam Davis was born in Petersburg, Va. He first came to New York City when thirteen years of age. He landed in the metropolis city in the spring of 1892. He was in New York City about two months when he was taken over to Brooklyn to play a concert on the same bill with Madam Sisseretta Jones, Madam Selecka, Mr. Billy McClain and the late Billy Weston, banjoist, and upon appearing at Brooklyn at that historical concert he was immediately engaged for the following summer season to appear at Manhattan Beach as champion buck and wing dancer with Payne's fireworks. During the summer at Manhattan Beach Canary and Lederer came down to Manhattan eBach and hired Sam Davis to appear in their big production, "Princess Nicotine," as principal pickanniny with Miss Lucy Daly, Princess Nicotine, played at the Casino Theater, Broadway and 39th street, New York City, 111 nights. Sam Davis then went en tour with the Princess Nicotine Co. for six weeks, playing in the principal Eastern cities. He then came back to New York City and opened at the Casino Theater once more with the Passing Show, and with that world famous production played on Broadway a solid year, 365 nights on the Rialto. The following season Davis again left New York City with the Passing Show. He remained with that great organization until the middle of the season, when he next joined the Merry Whirl to do a specialty with four white boys, forming one of the quintettes of singers and dancers at that time extant. One day while playing with the Merry Whirl Co., Sammy Davis went over to Brooklyn to see the Black American Co. He also saw Mr. Billy McClain, and he said, "Sammy, you are just the boy I want for this company." He, Sam Davis, then quit the Merry Whirl Co. and joined the Black American Co. to take Charlie Johnson's part in the drill number. He was given special paper and remained with the show until it got burnt out in Philadelphia. After the fire Sam Davis joined hands with Bob Russell for the balance of the season. After great success with Bob Russell he, Sam Davis, joined Billy McClain's Suanee River Co. as principal buck dancer. The show closed at Chicago in the middle of March. In the month of April Scott took the Kentucky band into vaudeville. It was then that he joined hands with Walter "Apis" Usher to do their specialty in conjunction with the band. The following season he joined Sam T. Jack's Creoles. After staying with the Jack show for four months Sam Davis closed in New York City. While playing in New York City Will Foster told Sam Davis that he knew a good man that was in search of a good partner. Will Foster next made Sam Davis acquainted with the late Eddie Furber, and Furber and Davis became one of the best all-round comedy acrobatic acts, white or black, that the world has ever known. Furber and Davis toured this country from coast to coast and from North to South many, many times with unlimited success. Mr. Davis remained with Eddie Furber till 1901, when Mr. Furber took sick and Sam Davis continued alone with the Hottest Coon in Dixie Co., that being the last company that Furber and Davis appeared in together. Mr. Furber died shortly afterward, and with the death Eddie Furber, God bless his sacred name, one of the best acrobatic acts in the world was no more. While the late Eddie Furber and the present Sammy Davis worked together they played with a great many different well-known companies, among which were the following, namely: Oriental America, Isham's Octoroons No. 2, Black Patti's Troubadours. They also starred the colored portion of Al Reeves Co. two seasons. They were also with those two great colored stars, Williams & Walker's Co. for seven weeks, and joint stars with Richards & Pringles Famous Georgia Minstrels. They then joined the Hottest Coon in Dixie Co., and while with the last named show Sam Davis met his present wife, who was formerly Miss Laura Walker, of Wheeling, W. Va. Mrs. Davis still retains her maiden name for stage purposes. Miss Walker is a very fine singer, having a very sweet voice, and was formerly known as the golden-voiced singer of Wheeling. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Davis were married August 2, 1902, and their union has proven a happy one. After leaving the Hottest Coon in Dixie Co. Davis and Walker joined Pope & Brown's Trip to Coontown Co. After leaving the above company Sam Davis then had charge of a colored band from Charleston, S. C., and it with Sam Davis was the

SAM DAVIS.

big feature with Wm. Keoch's Kentucky Feud Company. His wife rejoined him about the middle of the season and with the permission of the manager of the company they broke in their present clever offering and have played vaudeville engagements ever since with the exception of four seasons, when they were a special feature with the Earl Burgess Dramatic Co. Davis and Walker are one of the few colored acts that are really in a class by themselves. Sam Davis is a great all-round colored artist, being a good acrobat, singer, dancer and talker. His wife is a capital colored soubrette, being a good singer and dancer and a fine appearing woman on the stage. Their success has just begun and the writer predicts even greater achievements to their already great achievements, and its really a great act, Davis and Walker.

## PHILADELPHIA, PA., STAGE LETTER

By COBBY.

Eugene Robinson, who has sold his skating rink, is appearing at the Pekin.

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The Southern Quintette are doing a split week here. Too much success.

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R. B. Jackson was a big hit at Dewey last Sunday. Park and Peoples this week.

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The Pekin, H. Sam Reading, manager, continues to draw well and pleases generally.

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Bailey and Tear were a big hit at Forepaugh's theater. John Rucker replaces them this week.

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The city here is well nigh full of colored talent. The Smart Set and five other acts represent the colored race.

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Mable Toliver and Gold Dust Twins, are headliners at Pittville, at close of this week. They join Chas. Daly's Company for two weeks.

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Walter R. Jones and Phil Robinson are rehearsing a new act, entitled "It's Miss Turner's Turn to Turn-er." Jones has been laying off, owing to illness.

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Witsal's Cosy Corner.—Closed. Cause unknown. Mr. Witsal was the Philadelphia originator of this class of show and we are sorry to see this state of affairs. Manager Lewis is improving slowly.

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Tuckers—Harry Black, proprietor. The only hold-over. The old stock is Happy Wilson and his "Buzz Saw." Proprietor Black has bid high and secured the big scream. Grace Jackson, for the present week. She will head the bill. Manager Jas. Moss is still smiling.

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The Creole Slave's revenge played the National here, with Chas. Taylor's five dark Americans. Mr. Taylor, who was lately a partner of Ray, now Ray & Williams, is doing a small part all through the drama, with hardly any make-up. He is really a success, both as a vaudevillian and "legit." The specialty is a hot number and leaves after several bows. Mr. Henderson, a member of this act, died in Pittsburg.

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Prof. Dupree, the dancing master, had a brief trip to the theatrical fields, after being a manager one month, his hopes are shattered. Still undaunted, he has another pet scheme, the forming of the Olympia Literary Society, which has a charter. We don't know when issued. The dues are $1.00 yearly, which entitles you to all the pleasures of the club and places of your station, also theatrical booking. The headquarters are at the Dupree Dancing Academy.

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Siegel's Theater—Proprietor Green's Comedians are at their best this week. Honors being divided between Miss Footie Wells, who is doing a neat interpretation of an Italian character, singing "Cousin Caruse," to many recalls, and Joseph Outing and Pop Green. Miss Josephine Berkley is still working, but suffering from overwork. Mr. and Mrs. Robbins, Harry Lyons and Sparkling Goldia Foreman, make the bill. The new pianist, Miss Jackson, is a clever artist and great help to the show. Pictures are changed daily. Mr. Siegel is negotiating to build back, enlarging the theater to accommodate increased crowds.

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Victoria Theater Nos. 1 and 2, are doing banner business. Duncan, Scott and Keenan control these houses. Mr. Duncan, last week, getting Blair's Nicolette as an individual venture, installed the members of the Victoria Stock, this caused much discontention(?) among the Amusement Co. So the entire show was recalled to old houses, and Mr. Duncan takes a flying trip to New York to secure talent. After spending a delightful day reviewing the sights along the Hudson-Fulton Celebration, he finished up at "Marshall's." Among the people engaged were Clever Daisy Brown and Miss Scott, opening week, being a grand farcial success. The new house has been renamed the "North Pole."

## GREAT FER DON SHOW NO. 2.

We closed Healdsburg Oct. 2. While there we were the recipients of many favors and courtesies. The white Order of Foresters invited us out to attend a stag on Sept. 22, at which the different members ecquitted themselves with honors at the impromptu toasts, speeches, musical numbers, etc. Then, not to be outdone, the white W. O. W. 370, banqueted us on Sept. 27, at which were the wives and friends of the members. Plates were set for 200. Frank Nichols, our pianist, looked around at the pretty girls and said, "Pass the cake just once more, I ain't never going back down home." The Great Fer Don Show No. 2 has c'osed, but the members are still intact and are showing San Mateo, Cal., under the Great La Fave with the following roster: Ed. L. Anderson, Harry Daly, F. Nichols, F. Watts, W. Sumner, H. C. Holland, L. McDuff and two ofays, Wm. Ramsey and Wm. Burns. Friends, watch for us and write care of Great La Fave Med. Co., San Mateo, Cal.

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# SPORTING GOSSIP of the WEEK.

## SOME SPORTING COMMENT.

### That Baseball Championship Claim.

By Charles D. Marshall.

It has been nearly a year since I have had the opportunity to say anything in these columns pertaining to doings in the sporting world, and in that time a great deal has happened that proved to be very interesting to the Negro race. Just think of him holding the pugilistic title of the champion of champions of all nations or nationalities of this big world! Remember him as being one of great America in the national game—baseball! He has always been a wonder in this game, and he is improving on his reputation, greatly, each season. He has not been admitted into the National or the American Leagues, nor any of the minor ones, but he is forcing his way, for the public (especially the white) have become very interested patrons. They like his game because he is playing a truly professional one, and you find a host of Cy Cobbs, Hans Wagners, Matthewsons and Mike Donlins in about every team. The colored baseball world has a stronger opportunity for league baseball than ever. Since that championship dispute between the managers of the Leland Giants, Kansas City Stars, Philadelphia Giants, St. Paul Gophers, Louisville Cubs, Brooklyn Royal Giants, etc., the fever has been rising considerably in favor of a colored league, with such teams as those mentioned to constitute it, every one of them being exceptionally strong. It would not be a bad idea if the managers of these teams would make arrangements so as to be able to meet for a championship series of games, to be played at the season end of each year. Let us have a complete settlement about these championship laurels in a way similar to the Detroit-Pittsburg idea. Let us be fully satisfied with it by letting some team win it and hold the title through fair means. Argument does no good, and the more that various teams cleam the title the less appreciative it will become. To my mind, the title really belongs to no one for the year 1909. Let us arrange a series of games so that every team of the rank and file shall have a try at it—the names of teams, dates and place where battles shall be fought and by what conditions should be given over to real baseball judges. There is no way the championship of 1909 or any other year can be declared won by any team unless it is **played for by a correct rule and won by fair and proper decisions.** We have enough of argumentation.

### DOES JEFFRIES MEAN ANYTHING?

Did you ever see such times as are these for prize fighting? Everybody is at a fever heat. When are Jeffries and Johnson going to fight? But that may never be, for Jeffries' action leads us to believe that such a battle may never be. He is never satisfied with the best sort of propositions given him, long at a time. A few months ago he was dead willing to meet Johnson for a purse of $50,000, just as soon as his condition would permit; now we find that was not enough, for he refuses to meet Jack under $150,000 purse. Can you see that match secured for such an enormous amount? Well, I cannot. Do you remember that such a purse was not thought of before Jim went abroad for the other excuses? His nose needed operating on; he needed a vast amount of training to reduce his weight and rid himself of surplus flesh. Well, all these things had to be done, we suppose, and during that time Jack was running about posting forfeits in the five and ten thousand sums, to induce poor Jeffries to fight him. The public is getting onto things, and is making a noise like dropping Big Jim as their idol. Jeffries discovers the situation of things and starts home with a big bluff, or you might put it a "moneyed insult." Just think of $150,000 purse! Johnson to get about $10,000 and the rest to Jeffries, would be the size of it. A Jeffries-Johnson match does not look good to me so far.

### A GREAT FOOTBALL SEASON IS AT HAND.

The strenuous season for football has again arrived, and it has cought a strong spirit among colored players as well as a great number who follow other sports. I think we are beginning to understand the great game very well, and in larger numbers we are to be seen at each succeeding game. Last season football was played in a more careful way than heretofore, and the result was that there were less accidents and more enthusiasm. The Indianapolis Herculeans did some tall championship work last season, securing first place over three States. Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana. The "Herks" have an organization that, like wine, grows better with the years. This season I suppose they will again try out with the Louisville Central Highs, although our correspondent at Louisville states that they are feverishly after St. Louis, Nashville and Jeffersonville, but they make no mention of the "Herks." It cannot be because the "Herks" do not represent any school, for about every man represents some college or school, and, what is more, they play a decent game. Shouldn't they be anxious to rescue the championship title from the Hoosier lads? I think so. They are saying that the Tuskegee Tigers are reorganizing a strong eleven for the purpose of securing some of the laurels from that Nashville team, that has been having its way on Southern gridirons for a good many seasons. There are to be some big games played in the different parts of the South by various school elevens Thanksgiving Day, that will prove interesting. This game has advanced in importance among our people in the South, two-fold to what it is in the so-called up-to-date North. I see that Johnson, the well-known Negro football star end of the University of Nebraska eleven, has offered his services gratis to the University of Wisconsin athletic department, to develop the Badger team. The report further states that there has been a hitch, or you might say a kick against him, or a real kick out, if you will. The three years that Johnson has been playing on the Nebraska team it is said that he made a great record, Walter Camp placing him among the best ends in the country, in his estimation. Although he, so far, has been kept off of Camp Randall field, we have been informed by good authorities that he will be admitted for the Thanksgiving game. Why not?

### JOHNSON-KETCHEL AND THE WORLD TO-DAY.

To-day is the day on which will be decided who is the better of the two men, Johnson or Stanley Ketchel. They are scheduled to fight a twenty-round bout for the much-coveted title for the heavyweight championship of the world, this afternoon, at Colma, Cal. Ketchel, the white lad of old Montana, comes before Johnson as one of the best men outside of Jeffries in the world of pugilism. It seems that his record in some ways surpasses Johnson, and by that many think that Jack will stand little show of securing a knock-out, and they go so far as to say that Stanley is likely to turn the trick. But to look at the thing in a way other than color, I would say that there is a mistake, and a grave one made when it comes to doubting Jack's ability and just what will be the result of this fight.

At first blush, Johnson looks so overwhelmingly the better of the two that the dyed-in-the-wool fans involuntarily exclaim: "Ketchel hasn't the slightest chance in the world. It's a shame to let a fellow his size fight that big smoke." And then the very compassion that moves them to express words of pity for the assassin compels them to seek the dope for one straw, for one bit of ivy on which to hang their hope that the white boy will not be killed outright.

Ah! Here we have it! Philadelphia Jack O'Brien almost broke even with Johnson in six rounds. Stanley Ketchel comes along and flattens the Confessor in three rounds. Now, then! It resolves itself into a simple example in arithmetic. If Johnson fails to stop O'Brien in six rounds and Ketchel topples over the same man in less than half that time, why shouldn't Ketchel have a mighty good chance with Johnson in twenty rounds, and, perhaps, beat him? Yes, why shouldn't he? Ask yourself that question three times and see if you can get the answer.

Here it is: When Johnson fought O'Brien he didn't slip over the knockout because he wouldn't if he could have and couldn't if he would have. Sounds a bit complex, but it's right. In the first place, Johnson was hog fat, his speed was gone, he had no training and didn't care. In the second place, he wasn't going to show everything he knew, because he had made up his mind not to tip his mitt for the benefit of Jim Jeffries. He fought as he fought against Al Kaufmann, under wraps. In both fights he employed only his famous right uppercut and a straight left jab. Not once did he try a punch that carried the knockout. So any judge of boxing who saw either one of Jack's two most important fights since his return from Australia will tell you that he has something good in reserve—something that is as good as Papke gave Ketchel when he knocked him out, and not even the most rabid partisan of the sensational Michigan fighter will contend that Papke is one-half the fighter that Johnson is.

Johnson is taller, stronger, heavier than Ketchel, and as a defensive fighter is without a peer. Where, then, can Ketchel have it on him?

While fighting Kaufmann, one of the spectators in the champion's corner shouted between rounds: "You've got a yellow streak, Jack." Quickly turning to the man who had hurled the taunt, but without the least display of anger, Johnson shot back: "Yes, maybe I have, but none of these big fellows seem to be able to locate it."

If Ketchel can locate it, fine for the white boy. Jeff can go back to the alfalfa ranch and stay there; but Ketchel is going to have an awful time doing the Columbus. In fact, while he is endeavoring to nail the flag of the white race to Johnson's yellow streak, he is more likely to take a Brodie to the mat.

Ketchel's plan of battle, it is stated, is to wade in and tear Johnson's henhouse to pieces, which is to say that the Negro's kitchen will be his main point of attack. He can't reach that bobbing black head, and even if he could he would hurt himself more than he would his opponent. So, naturally, he must go after the stomach. If he succeeds in landing a couple of his terrible drives, he will make Jack awfully sick and perhaps finish him. Perhaps.

In the meantime, it must be borne in mind that Johnson holds his stomach in high regard, especially when threatened by a fist, and that his gorilla-like arms are as good as a sheet of Harveyized steel armor plate.

Bob Fitzsimmons gave fame to the solar plexus, Kid McCoy to the corkscrew and Stanley Ketchel to the shift, but it has remained for Jack Johnson, the biggest and most intelligent man of the black race the ring has known, to pick up the uppercut, one of the oldest blows in the game, and by long and careful practice, make of it as dangerous a punch as ever a fighter uncorked.

And what a beauty it is, from the purely Johnsonian standpoint? The other fellow can't see it that way, neither can he see it coming, because the champion works it so well that it is almost impossible to escape it. Breast to breast or on a close block or head slip, Johnson sends it in equally well. The Galveston giant by feinting with his left, brings his opponent into a clinch. He times himself well, and at the moment the other fellow brings his left around the body for the protection hug, Johnson works himself the fraction of an inch to one side, leaving his right clear for an upward sweep, meanwhile holding his man with his left just far enough to leave a clear path for the punch. The elbow is held close to the body, and Johnson brings himself up, with arm rigid, and prods his opponent on the chin if his head is up, and on the mouth if it is down. Al Kaufmann found it absolutely impossible to get away from this punch, Johnson landing on mouth and chin time after time.

The uppercut, when the fighters are half clear, is a far more dangerous punch than when delivered close in, because it has a great swing, while, at the same time, the party of the second part is coming in. Johnson negotiates it by making his antagonist miss with his left. Then the Negro, inclining his body toward the right and leaning on the left that had mised, swings the right up with a half loop. It has a nasty jar and a few of them soon get the unfortunate receiver's bees to working overtime.

When Johnson meets Ketchel to-day he will depend in great measure on these two blows, as he figures that they are just made to order for a boy of Ketchel's style of fighting.

### KETCHEL-LANGFORD FIGHT ON THANKSGIVING DAY

Jimmy Coffroth, the premier fight promoter of California, is now trying to c'inch a match for Thanksbiving Day afternoon between Stanley Ketchel and Sam Langford. Joe Woodman, manager of Langford, has already accepted the terms, and has wired Coffroth to make every effort possible to sign Ketchel.

### HERCULEANS MAKING HEADWAY.

The Indianapolis Herculean football squad, champions of Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana, are under steady practice and making great progress in new plays. Very nearly all the old members will play this season. Manager Edward Gaillard is securing dates, having a number open.

### KID PHILLIPS BACK TO LOUISVILLE

Kid Phillips is back in Louisville, Ky., looking for trouble. Would like to meet the Indiana kid. His address is 219 West Green street.

### BALL A WONDER OF SEASON.

Eddie Ball, the Leland Giants' wonderful discovery, it is thought, did the greatest work of any player of all the pitchers in the Chicago City League. Ball is a very clever pitcher and ball fans think he is soon to become the equal of Rube Foster. He is now being lionized as the "cannon-ball deliverer."

### "MAJOR" TAYLOR MAY BUY AIR SHIP

PARIS, France.—Special.—For the last two or three weeks Major Taylor, the champion American bicyclist, has been giving a great deal of his time over to balloons and airships, and several times has made trips in a Curtiss-Moody machine with Dr. Dewitt Vandine, of South Hamshire. It is said that he wishes to be equipped with a fast aeroplane.

### SAM LANGFORD AFTER SULLIVANS

They pulled another Sullivan on the Boston sports the other night, when Dan Sullivan, a middleweight, and brother of the twins, Mike and Jack, was introduced in the ring at the Armory Club. Sam Langford next day issued a challenge offering to lick the whole Sullivan family in fifteen rounds. "Five apiece is all I need to turn the trick," said the Tar Baby as he left the Boston American office.

### McFARLAND AND WOLGAST FIGHT ON OCTOBER 19

Packey McFarland has just announced in Chicago that he has been matched to fight Ad Wolgast, the Milwaukee lightweight, for ten rounds, at the Pacific A. C., of Los Angeles, Cal., on October 19. Packey was offered a fight with Ray Bronson for ten rounds at Kansas City, but he stated he could not accept it on account of his battle with Wolgast. Packey says he will leave for the coast in a few days.

### WELCH TO REFEREE FOR JOHNSON-KETCHEL

SAN FRANCISCO.—It is announced that Jack Welch will be the referee of the Johnson-Ketchel fight on October 16. It is stated further that the selection was made at the time the articles were signed in New York, and that Welch was Johnson's one and only choice for the position. The story goes that Johnson would have refused to sign unless the selection of Welch had been ratified at the time. The choice is a good one, and will find favor with the sporting men. In addition to being a thorough judge of the fighting game, Welch is a determined, self-reliant fellow, who will stand for no fooling. Betting has started up, with Johnson a top-heavy favorite. The price against Ketchel is 10 to 4, and even money is offered that Ketchel will not last twelve rounds.

### STAR FOOTBALL PLAYER OFFERS SERVICES

MADISON, Wis.—Johnson, a colored football player, for three years star end on the University of Nebraska football team, has offered his services gratis to the University of Wisconsin athletic department to help develop the ends of the Badger eleven. Johnson is now a student in the university law school, but there is a hitch in the procedure coming from the law school faculty that may keep the colored star off Camp Randall field.

### NELSON DEFEATS WILSON.

LAWRENCE, Mass.—Bobby Wilson received a bad beating at the hands of Dick Nelson, New York's fighting Dane, in a twelve-round fight here. Wilson was never in the going and was all in at the end of the bout.

### COLE BEATS FITZGERALD.

George Cole, the veteran colored welterweight, defeated Jack Fitzgerald at the West End A. C., at Philadelphia, on September 20. Cole, who seems to have recovered all his old-time form, had the best of every round, and Fitzgerald was never in it at any stage of the game. Cole used his left hand to good advantage in leading, and sent his right hand to the body at close quarters. Fitzgerald, as usual, depended on his right-hand blows, but he could seldom land them.

### JEFFRIES WANTS FIGHT IN TEXAS

SAN FRANCISCO.—Sam Berger, who has been looking after the interests of James J. Jeffries in the negotiations with Jack Johnson for a battle in this country, has received the following cable message from Jeffries, dtaed Paris:

"Leave for America October 16. Meet me in New York."

Berger will start for New York within a week. Berger said Jeffries was anxious to meet Johnson and his manager in New York to make arrangements at once for a meeting to sign articles. He wants a fight as soon as it can be arranged, and as to the place he prefers Galveston, Tex. Dispatches to the effect that Jeffries wou Dispatches to the effect that Jeffries would start for home on October 18 are wrong, as the date fixed in the cable is final.

### JACK JOHNSON SAYS HE IS NOT OVERCONFIDENT

SAN FRANCISCO.—In better condition with every hour's work in his training camp, Jack Johnson relaxed for a few moments the other day long enough to entertain a party of newspaper men and incidentally to deny some of the reports that are creeping out of his quarters regarding his reported indifferent training methods.

"I've noticed some hints in the reports of my training work that I have been seen in the wee small hours of the morning in resorts that should not be visited by an athlete in training," the big fellow said to a group of visitors. "I would like to say right now that that is not so. I have visited the city but seldom, and, when I do, am always with my manager, and he takes good care to see that I am housed as early as good training rules prescribe.

"All along I have discounted the talk about my overconfidence. I am not overconfident, as I have always said that Ketchel, with his youth and tremendous powers for standing rough usage, is apt to make it hard for me. I am going to be in grand shape for him, however."

### WAITERS' CLUB A SUCCESS.

The Indianapolis Waiters' Club, that was recently organized, with headquarters at 340 Indiana avenue, is making steady progress. Messrs. Jean Armstrong and Joe Holiman, the present heads of the order, are doing everything in their power to make it the leading club of the State, and they are succeeding admirably. They have, with the stanch support of over one hundred members, splendidly fitted up their quarters with very costly furniture, and they are rapidly building up a fat fund for the "rainy day" period. The waiters of this city are deriving all sorts of benefits from it, for it is, indeed, a protecting body to the man with the tray. "Our intention is to make this club one of the greatest in the country," says President Armstrong, "and I think we are gaining very much along that line. We will not stop until we have secured a permanent home for the waiters of Indianapolis—a home of beauty and refinement. It is for his upbuilding and domestic education. We want hi mto know that he has always a roof of his own, wherein he is provided with all the joys of an enterprising association. He is to learn here the ways of saving, home building and character building. He can gain here aid when sick or when out of employment, and he can have protection in political and other sources."

### SPORTING EDITOR JACKSON IN ST. LOUIS

#### Says Everything Is Better There, Excepting the People.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., October 15.—Harry W. Jackson, the well-known authority on athletics and sporting editor of The Indianapolis Freeman, is here resting a few days before returning to the capital city of Indiana, where he will take a great part in the mayoralty campaign this fall. Since coming here he has been busy studying St. Louis ideas among colored folk. He speaks admiringly of everything in St. Louis, but has a splendid habit of saying "but" when he refers to Indianapolis. He will not down here.

"Mr. Jackson," asked a nosy reporter, "how do you like St. Louis' street railway system?"

"To my mind," says Jackson, "I think you have one of the best constructed systems in the country, but Indianapolis has a much better—!"

But before he could finish the reporter was asking him if he had seen any St. Louis parks, and, if he had, how did he like them.

"Well," says the sporting writer, as he displayed a valuable gold watch to ascertain the time, "from what I have seen of them I think they are more or less beautiful, although at this time of year they have near about lost their beauty; but then you should see the parks we have. I don't think they can be beat. As to your streets, business blocks and residences, I find them extremely magnificent and widely excelling the Hoosier metropolis, but as to the people who populate them, I must go back to Indiany!"

"Well," cut in the gasping newspaper lad, "you mean to say that the people born in Indiana—"

"Are just a little better," said Jackson, quickly, again looking at his watch and starting on his way, after a Broadway street car.

### WHY THE KETCHEL-LANGFORD FIGHT WAS NOT A GO

And now they say around New York sporting resorts that it was the work of a knocking rival pugilistic promoter that really stopped the Ketchel-Langford fight, and the Fairmont Athletic Club officials are not averse to openly declaring that if the conspirators had not mixed in Governor Hughes would not have urged the local authorities to interfere with the affair. The whole thing savors of a scandal such as has not been heard of in pugilistic circles in the East before. The Fairmont people have been investigating the matter and so satisfied are they that the club was the victim of underhanded conspirators that one of them said openly the other day:

"It was all due to the work of persons who for various reasons did not want to see the bout come off. A committee of three, strictly on the level, called Gov. Hughes' attention to the alleged fact that Ketchel and Langford were about to indulge in a 'prize fight,' and it was only natural that the Governor notified the county authorities to interfere. As far as we have been able to learn, the committee was influenced by some clever underground work on the part of at least one jealous fight promoter who is a close friend of Willis Britt. We do not charge Britt, mind you, with trying to have the bout stopped to save Ketchel from a possible beating at the hands of Langford, for that would be hard to prove. But at the same time we have reason to believe that Britt was not disappointed much when we decided to call the bout off.

"Ketchel, apparently, didn't want to come here at all, as you will recall, but we have it on pretty good authority that Jim Coffroth, anxious to increase interest in the Ketchel-Johnson mill, opposed an actual combat between Ketchel and Langford, but advised Britt to bring Ketchel here for a bluff. This may not have been true, but the fact remains that it was only after a lot of queer tactics that Britt decided to come East.

"Langford's willingness to meet Ketchel at catch weights before our club was conclusive proof that the Boston man wanted to box under any conditions named, so that Ketchel had to either show up here, ostensibly to train for the bout, or crawl. But at the same time we have been told that Coffroth tried his level best to prevent Ketchel from leaving San Francisco, fearing, it is said, that if he was forced to meet Langford he might be defeated. A week before the bout was scheduled to come off the club got a tip that certain persons had made an underground complaint to a committee of reputable citizens, who had called the Governor's attention to the contest. When the affair was called off Britt and Ketchel were ready to hop on a train for the coast and also refused to transfer the match to Philadelphia, Boston or Pittsburg, which were ready to pull it off."

### FRENCH LICK PLUTOS DOWN THE CUBS

#### Visitors Claimed to Have Played Dirty Ball.

By Ed. H. Rogers.

WEST BADEN, Ind., October 8.—The French Lick Plutos beat the Louisville Cubs two out of a three-game series, ending Friday, October 8. The first game was well played, ending in the Cubs' favor, having been in the Plutos' favor up until the tenth inning, when a little error at second allowed the Cubs their winning run. West pitched for the Cubs and Alexander for the Plutos. The Plutos hit West hard, but were unable to get safe ones at the proper time. The score:

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| Cubs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | —6 |
| Plutos | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | —5 |

The second game was fast and snappy and would have been one of the best games French Lick has seen for some time if it hadn't have been for the arguing of the Cubs. The Cubs argued on every close decision, and also on balls and strikes; the Cubs also made a bad showing in playing what is commonly called dirty ball. Pugh made a very bad game in blocking at second, when he was playing short. A couple of times he forgot and thought he was playing left tackle on a football team, and held his man outright. In the ninth inning Briscoe attempted a foul play that probably cost them the game. Griffin came up in the ninth, with the score 6 to 4, and got to first on an error by Jackson at short. Briscoe hit across third, which left two on base. Robinson hit a line drive to Harris in the box, which seemed sure to pass, but the little twirler made a quick grab and drawed it in, and, all with the same motion, slammed it to first, which caught Briscoe going for soecnd. Warmack, who was on first, sent it on to second in order to make a triple, but failed to get Griffin. Briscoe, through foul or dumb playing, continued to run after being out at first, and was caught at third, making him out twice, and tried to claim they got the wrong man, but it was out the minute he crossed Griffin at second. A play like that comes under the rules of interference, "Briscoe, old boy." The Plutos completed a triple play in that inning which was the first ever made on the French Lick diamond. The score:

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cubs | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | —4 | 8 | 2 |
| Plutos | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | *—6 | 10 | 4 |

Bases on balls—Off Griffin, 1; off Harris, 1. Struck out—By Griffin, 2; by Harris, 8. Sacrifice hits—Plutos, 4; Cubs, 2. Stolen bases—West and Harris. Hit by pitched ball—Robinson. Umpire—Lawson.

The third game was all in the Plutos' favor, they holding the Cubs without a score until the ninth inning. There was a considerable lot of arguing by the Cubs, the same as the day before. The Plutos changed umpires, at their request, before the game started, but that didn't keep them from playing that baby game of "Quitting," "Going home," "Umpire's a robber." West was in for the Cubs, and was hammered for fifteen safe ones, while they only got seven off of Alexander, and three of these being in the ninth. Manager Black, of the Cubs, was short of men, and filled in by playing right field. He played fine ball throughout the contest, having batted a thousand on the second day by getting three singles and a double. The score:

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| Cubs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | —2 | 7 | 1 |
| Plutos | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | * | —7 | 15 | 0 |

Bases on balls—Off West, 2. Struck out—By West, 2; by Alexander, 3. Two-base hits—Miller (2). Three-base hit—Pace. Stolen bases—Wallace, Harris (2). Hit by pitched ball—Pugh. Umpire—Cayenne Johnson.

### FOOTBALL SEASON OPENS WITH VICTORY

#### Central High in Good Condition—Ready for Schedules.

By Carrie B. Lewis.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 5.—The Central High School football team celebrated the opening of its local season on last Saturday at Dusty Rhodes Park, Twenty-eighth street and Broadway. It was a complete victory for the home boys. They played against the Jeffersonville High School and the score was 64 to 0, the worst beaten score ever made on a gridiron in this city. Central's boys had just been well coached by Prof. S. O. Johnson, who has made football an actuality in this section of the country. The youngsters ran away with the Jeffersonians, who lacked both skill and knowledge of the game, but were ponderous and weighty.

The Central boys are young, but bright and snappy. They are quick as lightning and show that they have excellent material for development between now and Thanksgiving. There was nothing startling about the game. The home boys just kicked goal just for the fun of it and tried to see how many scores could be made.

The opening game was largely attended. The visitors from Jeffersonville enjoyed themselves immensely while the High School girls sang and yelled themselves hoarse.

It is now expected that the Central team will go to Nashville and will undoubtedly make a trip to St. Louis Thanksgiving. They anticipate having the Washington City Manual team play here at sometime during the season.

### BOWLING GREEN, KY.

Mr. Bennie Wilson left last Tuesday for Lewisburg, Tenn., to be married to Miss Eulia Ewing, of that city. Miss Ewing was formerly a resident of this city. They returned here to make their home....Rev. R. L. Hyde, A. M., D. D., president of the B. G. Academy, returned home from Pryor, Ky., where he had gone to attend the Perchance Presbytery and also to address an educational meeting, and while addressing the meeting was stricken violently ill from nervous breakdown. His physician advise a rest and he returned to get a much needed rest. He is now getting along nicely....The B. G. Academy is enrolling a great many new students every week and we don't think it will be long before the school will be overtaxed. Dr. C. P. McLurkin, dean of the theological department, has just returned from Cumberlia county, where he went in the interest of the school. He reports many new students in the near future for the academy....Hall Bros. are conducting a nice restaurant and ice cream parlor at 131 Main street, and desire the patronage of the public. Everything is first class....Mr. Page and Miss Georgia Jones slipped off from their many friends last Sunday and went to Oakland, Ky., and were married....Any one desiring The Freeman will find it at the Academy or call Phone 546.


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All persons desiring news items to appear in The Freeman will call New Phone 2880, this office, or send in same by mail.

F. J. Turner, of Ft. Wayne, was in the city Tuesday.

The Lotus Club held a business meeting Monday night.

Mrs. Hattie Dunnington is the guest of friends at Dayton, O.

Mr. Clarence Dunlop spent Sunday at Peru, the guest of his parents and sister.

Mr. Dan Allen has returned from a pleasant visit with friends at Pittsburg, Pa.

Mr. Isaac Walton is reported to be much improved after an illness of several weeks.

The fast A. B. C. ball team will play the All-Professionals tomorrow at Northwestern Park.

Mr. W. A. Bell, proprietor of Hotel Bell, of Dayton, O., was here visiting friends last week.

Mrs. Renie Pollard-Florence has gone to Youngstown, O., to join her husband, Mr. Thomas I. Florence.

Mrs. Julia Hasty, mother of Mrs. Nannie Benjamin, has returned to Oxford, O., after a month's stay.

Mr. T. J. Wilson, Jr., representing the Windermere Tailoring Co., of Chicago, was in the city last week.

Mrs. Belle Davis and Miss Blanche Scott will spend Saturday and Sunday in Anderson, the guests of friends.

Miss Emma Ross, formerly of this city, but now living in Chicago, spent the week here, visiting relatives and friends.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Sanford, Monday, Oct. 11, a boy. Mrs. Sanford was formerly Miss Amelia Grimes, of Owensboro, Ky.

Mr. Isaac Hansberry, a hod carrier, living in the rear of 406 Toledo street, is able to be out after suffering for five weeks with a broken limb.

The mother of Mrs. Ida Hanley and Mrs. Annie Green, is in the city for an indefinite stay. She comes from Virginia here and it is her first visit north.

Mrs. Mayme Clark Hoosier, who is a maid on the New York Central liner from St. Louis to New York City, was in the city this week on account of the illness of her mother.

The Alpha Home board of managers met at the residence of Mrs. Cora B. Jackson, 333 Toledo street, last Wednesday. The meeting was a successful one, much being accomplished.

Mrs. Emma Grundy visited Mrs. Moss and Mrs. Stewart, of 625 Bright street, Wednesday and Thursday, en route from Bay View, Mich., to her home at 223 Second street, Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. Belle Davis announces the approaching marriage of her daughter, Henrietta, to Mr. Albert Allen, of Logansport, Ind., Oct. 20, at 4 p. m., at her home in North West street.

The Metropolitan Baptist Church will hold regular services tomorrow at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. At 3 p. m. recognition services will be held. Installation services by Rev. B. J. Prince, D. D., M. D.

The Ladies Aid Society of Simpson Chapel elected the following officers: President, Mrs. Hallie Cook; vice president, Mrs. Artie Milligan; secretary, Mrs. Ella Ferguson; assistant secretary, Mrs. Kittie Ferguson; treasurer, Mrs. Samuels.

The Magnolia Club entertained thirty-five guests Thursday evening at the residence of Mrs. Stella Rhodes, in her honor as retiring president and the new officers. The ladies wore club colors, which were purple and white ribbon. Music and cards were the feature of the evening. A lunch of two courses was served. The next regular meeting will be with Mrs. Laura Edwards, in East Pratt street.


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### A NEW PAWN SHOP.

The Buffalo Pawn Shop has opened its doors for business at 242 Massachusetts avenue, where they cordially invite the colored citizens to come and inspect their wares. The place is thoroughly up to the times and well stocked with a complete line of jewelry, watches and clocks. They are prepared to loan at a reasonable rate ready money on all articles of value. They have on hand a fine line of unredeemed pledges that will prove excellent bargains to all. If you are contemplating making a Christmas present you are sure to find what you want at a greatly reduced price at this store. The Amdur Brothers, who are the proprietors, are thorough young business men, whose ambition it is to rise in the community by dint of their honesty and fair dealing with all.

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### Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The Colored Y. M. C. A. Night School offers to men who have neglected their schooling or been forced to go to work before they have completed the common grades, an excellent opportunity of securing a training that will be helpful for them. The work done in the night school of the association is one that seeks to give to the students the very thing that will aid him in his daily vocation. A very small tuition fee is charged for a six months' course. The class meets on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings of each week and is in charge of Mr. C. B. Gilliam, assisted by Mr. Henry Lewis.

The Tuesday Night Bible Class is drawing a good attendance each Tuesday. The men come direct from their work to the building, take supper, which is served by a committee of men of the association for 10 cents. At 7 p. m. the class goes into Bible study, which lasts until 7:55. The course "Christ Among Men," and Rev. D. F. White is the teacher. All men are invited.

### WHAT THE CITY SCHOOLS OFFERS COLORED CHILDREN

**Miss Sarah Colton Smith Enlightens Ministers, Teachers and Newspaper Men.**

On last Monday night a large audience of Indianapolis' most representative colored people assembled at the Colored Y. M. C. A. to hear Miss Sarah Colton Smith give a talk on conditions existing in Indianapolis colored schools. In the audience were ministers, teachers and newspaper men of the race and Charles W. Moores, president, and other members of the school board who had received cards bearing the inscription "The colored schools of Indianapolis, what they offer to colored children, what the children are not getting from them, and why."

Miss Sarah Colton Smith is truant officer for the city colored schools. Miss Smith, as perhaps no other school official, is brought face to face with conditions as they exist in the colored schools and the home, and in order to make known these conditions to those in a position to catch the parents' ear, this plan was decided on. Miss Smith presented a large number of stereopticon slides of pictures taken recently of every colored school in the city, with interior views showing the various kinds of training given in the school. There were also pictures of the neighborhood, yard and garden cultivation carried on at several of the schools. Tables were shown setting forth the number of pupils found in each grade; at what age they enter the grade; what per cent. advance with the grade; what per cent. reaching the higher grades, and the per cent. finishing school.

From statistics gathered within the last two years it was shown that on a basis of 659 children who entered the first grade only 103, or 17.5 per cent., had finished the common or graded school. The table showed 50.4 per cent. entering below normal grade. A number of the ministers present expressed surprise at the facts and their appreciation of the effort of Miss Smith to bring these matters to their attention. They pledged themselves to direct their efforts toward bringing about an improvement. Mr. Moores and Mr. Heizer, head turant officer, spoke of the effort the school board is making to offer the best educational opportunities to every boy and girl in Indianapolis. The stereopticon views, with the tables and charts, will, at the solicitation of the ministers, be exhibited free of charge at a number of our churches.

### ST. PAUL, MINN.

Special to THE FREEMAN:
Miss Elizabeth A. Ross, National Y. W. C. A. secretary, of New York City, has been successful in organizing a Colored Y. W. C. A. in St. Paul. An organization meeting was held in the chapel of Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church, corner Dayton and Mackubin streets, on Thursday evening, October 7, 1909. The branch organized with over 153 members and several men contributors. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Fannie Dodd Sears; first vice-president, Mrs. Laura Durant Hickman; secretary, Mrs. Florence Duckett; treasurer, Miss Missouri Anderson....Mr. Owen Howell is in St. Joseph Hospital to be treated for a case of poisoning by dye in clothing.... Mr. and Mrs. Owen Howell are rejoicing over the advent of a little girl into their family. The little miss has been christened Lucille Howell....Cole and Johnson's "The Red Moon" is playing at the Grand Theater this week. The company is a good one, and they ought to be considered fortunate in getting Mrs. George Walker as their leading lady....Miss Ida Johnson is clerking at Jones & Jones' grocery store....Mr. C. H. Reed is progressing slowly at the hospital, where he has been confined for some time....Mr. C. Sharpe has purchased the property at 521 Rondo street, and moved in last Saturday....Mrs. John Dodd has been quite ill at her home on Margaret street.

### SHEFFIELD, ALA.

Special to The Freeman.
The Calvary Baptist Church held services in their new church Sunday, opening with a short program. Presiding Elder C. W. Warren, of the A. M. E. Church, was present and delivered an able address. The rally was quite a success....The entertainment given Friday night for the benefit of the Sheffield High School was a financial success. The school is progressing nicely under the management of Prof. J. B. Baruer....Mr. Henry Polk, who came here sick from Chattanooga several weeks ago, is improving since the change Mrs. Fannie Polk, his wife, has arrived to be with her husband in his illness.... Mrs. T. E. Knowles, who has been ill for several days, is able to be out again.... Mr. Dock Carothers desires any information that can be given him of his brother, Tom Carothers, whom he has not seen for six years. I will be grateful for any information given Mr. Dock Carothers, Sheffield, Ala....Miss Laura Kinley, of Town Creek, is visiting Miss Lillian Abernathy. ....Don't forget to call on me at Mr. Colwley's for THE FREEMAN.

### EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.
J. D. Parker, chef, recently from Scot, Saskatchewan, has been fortunate in securing the position as chef at the Imperial Hotel. This makes the third hotel in town with colored chefs....Mrs. Massie has moved her dressmaking and tailoring establishment from 1231 First street to 239 Boyle street....Gustavus Jones and Z. W. Mitchell have been making extensive improvements upon their respective residences....R. H. Lewis and family, of Enid, Oklahoma, arrived in the city last week for the purpose of securing a good homestead near Edmonton.... Messrs. William Tucker, J. A. Jackson, A. Fields, Charlie Decker and S. B. Kirk were down from their homesteads last week....Arthur Jones writes that he has decided to stay in Edmonton this winter. He is now harvesting at Lashburn, Sask. ....The FREEMAN correspondent has received numerous letters from all parts of the States stating they will be in Edmonton for the purpose of securing homesteads next spring, among them being H. Givens and J. H. Spriggs, of Beggs, Oklahoma; J. W. Burnell, Goldfield, Nevada; J. D. Knox, Bowles, California, and several others....Deas, Reed and Deas were at the Empire last week. They were obliged to respond over and over again to the storms of applause which greeted them from the audience. Lawrence Deas is a traveling deputy of the Colored Vaudeville Benevolent Association of New York....Z. W. Mitchell has been suffering the past two weeks with a sprained back....Bennie Scott has gone to Strathcoma to work for the winter....A. Allen and family have gone to their homesteads for the winter....Mr. Payne, a prosperous farmer from Clover Bar, was in the city last week....Leave all news matter, advertisements, subscriptions, changes of address or any complaint of not receiving THE FREEMAN, etc., with Clifford C. Mitchell, the Edmonton correspondent. Call 240 Jasper avenue East, phone 1637, or address P. O. Box 845.

### PENSACOLA, FLA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.
Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lewey are now domiciled in a cozy cottage on North Devillier street...Mrs. Susie Williams and daughter Ruby left last week for Los Angeles, Cal., to join Mr. Williams, who has been there for some time. They will make that city their home....Mrs. M. C. Bennett and children left for Quinette, Fla., where she will teach this winter... Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barnes are the happy parents of a fine baby boy, born to them last week....Mrs. McDnffy, mother of Messrs. Joseph and Harry McDuffy, is very sick at her home....The colored public schools of the county, and also the Baptist Academy and Pensacola Normal School, began work for the year October 5 with an increased attendance....Miss Evelyn Wyman, of Montgomery, Ala., is visiting Mrs. H. H. Williams on North Devillier street....Miss Bertie Robinson is in Kansas City, Mo., visiting Miss Octavia Richardson....Emma Lewis and Augustine Harvey have returned to Atlanta University, where they are students. ....Mr. John H. Surls is out, after a few days' illness....Misses Bith Bardwell and Katie Goode will leave the latter part of next week for Tallahassee Normal School, Tallahassee, Fla....The Pensacola Normal night school has a very large attendance this year....Miss Mary I. Marshall left last week for Powelton, Fla., where she will teach this winter....Miss Fannie R. Marshall left last week for Lagone, Fla., where she will teach this winter.

### HENDERSON, KY.

Special to THE FREEMAN.
Mrs. E. H. Brown had a stroke of paralysis Tuesday morning, and is in a critical condition...Mr. Lloyd Bibbs, of Terre Haute, Ind., is in the city, employed at the Hotel Kingdon....Mrs. Limas Marshall is still confined to her bed....Mr. James Smith, the barber, is still confined to his bed with typhoid fever....The church aid society gave a party at Mrs. J. A. Carr's, on South Green street, Wednesday, October 6.

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